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INSTONE BREWER'S DEFENCE.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. S. H. ROSS.

CASH OFFERED TO COMPANY TOO HEAVY FOR ACCUSED.

THE JUDGE'S QUESTIONS.

That he had no doubt as to the genuineness of applications for shares in the Instone Banking Corporation totalling over two million dollars, but that he had a real fear of being saddled with the responsibility for this sum, was one of the statements which Mr. Instone Brewer made during the course of his resumed trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. Brewer, who is being charged with making a false statement in the Statutory Report of the Bank regarding the total cash received, said he was inexperienced in banking, and had been placed in charge solely for the purposes of organisation.

Previously, Mr. S. H. Ross, chartered accountant, had been recalled, and he was closely questioned both by Mr. Justice Wood and the accused in regard to the use of the word "cash" in the Company's certificate.

Mr. Ross agreed with the Judge that the position could have been stated by saying that the total number of shares allotted was 10,080, on which \$10 had been paid in respect of each share, with security as to the balance. Asked why he had not suggested that before, Mr. Ross said he did not think it.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS.

When the hearing was resumed this morning, his Lordship recalled Mr. S. H. Ross, chartered accountant, and pointed out that in his evidence yesterday he had said the sum of \$761,100 was shown to be owing to the Instone Bank on a series of promissory notes in 1927. Mr. Ross agreed.

His Lordship continued that between 1927 and 1928 that sum was reduced to \$349,630; and Mr. Ross again agreed.

His Lordship:—Now, subsequent to the balance sheet of April, 1928, was that still further reduced?—Not by repayment of cash.

Was that still further reduced in the books?—Yes.

When the books reached your hands, what did that figure stand at?—\$355,000, which is a slight increase on \$349,000.

Can we get hold of the point? The point is there is in this figure of \$761,100, promissory notes given in respect of these shares—calls on these shares?—Yes.

Well then, in April, 1928, we have got that figure reduced to \$349,300?—Yes.

Now that is the figure I am dealing with. Was it reduced subsequently?—No.

Following further questions, witness said the figure was reduced in part by payment of dividends and about at \$355,000.

Point not Clear.

His Lordship said he could not understand how it could possibly have increased because the scheme was that interest due on a loan should correspond to a certain payment made to the contributor by the bank, eight per cent. each way.

Mr. Ross agreed.

How then did the figure manage to increase?—The explanation is this. At April 30, 1928, I did not include interest due.

If the account had been correctly calculated for the balance sheet of 1928, that figure would have been higher?—Yes.

Mr. Ross agreed that there had been practically no cash reduction of the liability at all.

Dealing with the company's certificate, his Lordship pointed out it stated that the total number of shares allotted was 10,080, all of which were allocated in consideration of cash, of which \$10 per share had been paid in advance of calls. The total amount of cash received by the company in respect of shares issued wholly for cash was \$876,750.

Not Cash.

His Lordship:—Well, now, with your knowledge of the accounts, if you had been drawing up this certificate, how would you have stated the cash received?

EXTRALITY TIRADE IN SHANGHAI.

OUTBURST BY CHINESE COMMISSIONER.

STATUS QUESTIONS.

Shanghai, Jan. 21.

No doubt inspired by the arrival of Judge Feetham, who is to report on the future status of Shanghai, Mr. Chen Teh-ching, the Commissioner of Greater Shanghai, yesterday delivered a lengthy tirade on the question of foreign jurisdiction in China.

The speech was made at a large, well-attended meeting of members of the local Kuomintang, held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

In the course of his tirade, Mr. Chen said extrajurisdiction was a disgrace to the Chinese people. Foreign Consuls, he said, exercised jurisdiction over their nationals in China. Why not, he asked, grant similar powers to Chinese Consuls in foreign countries?

Mr. Chen, continuing his speech, accused foreigners of supplying munitions to bandits and of smuggling opium into the country.

He urged the nation to rise and concentrate on the abolition of extrajurisdiction.

The future of Shanghai is now being freely discussed, as a result of Justice Feetham's arrival. Foreign opinion can be summed up by the observations made in a leading article by the *North China Daily News*, stating that as a matter of simple equity and fact, no reason can be found for surrendering the foreign control of Shanghai which has any material weight against the solid reasons that exist for retaining it.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

AMERICAN PLANE DISASTER.

PASSENGER CABIN BECOMES ROARING FURNACE.

BATTLE AGAINST FOG.

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.

That the sixteen occupants met their deaths in particularly distressing circumstances is revealed by the latest details of the terrible plane disaster at Ocean Side, California, this morning.

The plane contained fourteen passengers and two pilots and was on its way to Los Angeles from Aguacalientes, Mexico, most of the passengers having paid a week-end visit.

The crash occurred after the machine, a giant triple-engine Ford, had been fighting for a long time a thick fog, which had forced all aerial traffic dangerously low.

After the crash, when police and others rushed to the scene of the catastrophe, they found only a pile of red-hot metal, with the great cabin a roaring furnace.

The spectators were helpless to assist, and it is evident that none of the occupants had the slightest chance of escape.

Apparently the pilot did not realise that he was so near the ground and that when he decided that the weather was too bad and made to turn back to San Diego, the left wing struck the side of the hill, the plane immediately bursting into flames.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PROVISIONAL COURT RUMOURS.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF FOUR JUDGES.

Shanghai, Jan. 21.

It is reported that four Judges of the Provisional Court have resigned, these comprising the ablest officers, who are very popular both in Chinese and foreign circles.

The Chief Judge has denied that the resignations have taken place, saying that in any event they would not be accepted.

Recent rumours regarding the acceptance of illegal gratuities do not affect the four Judges concerned.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

THE REV. F. C. YOUNG.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.

The President-Elect, General Ortiz Rubio, has returned from the United States, where he has been engaged in some important negotiations.—*Reuter's American Service*.

LIVELY HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TROUBLE IN STORE IN NEW SESSION.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S HALF THREAT TO LABOUR.

PREMIER'S ATTITUDE.

London, Jan. 20.

The breach between Labour and the Liberals provoked by Mr. Lloyd George in the debate on the Coal Mines Bill just before Christmas, is giving rise to much speculation regarding possible developments in the House of Commons in the next few months.

Parliament re-assembles tomorrow, but the re-opening will necessarily be overshadowed by the simultaneously opening of the Naval Conference.

The Naval Conference may, indeed, considerably influence the Parliamentary situation.

It is well known and understood that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will allow nothing avoidable to disturb his association with the Conference. Thus, any Parliamentary mishaps as a result of the lack of co-operation at present characterising the relations of the Liberals and the Labour Party, will not necessarily lead to a political crisis.

Labour Quite Ready.

The fate of the Conference, on the other hand, is expected to influence not only the Budget, but also the Government's attitude towards any Parliamentary reversal on the Budget.

In the latter event, the Government might well decide upon a General Election if the Conference has been a success.

An important speech, having bearing on the Liberal attitude, was made by Mr. Lloyd George to-day, in an address to the National Liberal Club.

Mr. Lloyd George's Appeal.

The Liberal leader had little to say in reply to the recent declaration of Viscount Grey that the Liberal Council, of which Lord Grey is the chairman, had no confidence in Mr. Lloyd George's leadership and at the next election would fight under its own organisation with its own fund.

Mr. Lloyd George characterised the attack upon him as rather shabby and added:

"I would again appeal to Lord Grey not to discourage the Party at a time when it is really making headway.

"I believe honestly that if he were left alone, he would respond to that appeal.

Labour's Hobby Horse.

The Liberal leader added that if Mr. MacDonald wanted his Government to continue, he must come off his high hobby-horse. The Labourites must get into their minds that the Liberals were an independent party.

He went on to speak of the responsible position in which the Liberal Party stood. They were a party holding the balance in the present Parliament, and he claimed that so far it had been worthy of its responsibility. He again emphasised that it was an independent body with a will of its own which it meant to exercise.

RELAYING KING'S SPEECH.

HOW HONGKONG WILL ESSAY A BIG TASK.

SEPARATE RECEIVERS.

Although the difficulties are immense, the local broadcasting station, ZBW, is to make every endeavour to relay His Majesty the King's speech at the opening of the Naval Conference in London to-day. It is hoped to do this between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m.

On enquiry at the Radio Office, we are informed that the greatest difficulty to overcome in receiving distant stations for relaying is what is known as "fading." To overcome this, the modern practice is to have a series of aerials placed at certain distances apart. This arrangement may be extended over a thousand yards, or further.

As the central receiving station of the Hongkong Government broadcasting service is located at the Royal Observatory, this arrangement cannot be employed, owing to lack of ground space. However, to some extent this principle is being effected by establishing separate receivers at the Observatory, at the G.P.O. building, and at the Peak. The signals received from all three, or from the best of these, will be used.

The speech will be sent first to the broadcasting studio, where it will be filtered and amplified and then transmitted by ZBW on 355 metres.

Special directional aerials, of the type known as dipole, will be used, and Franklin feeders will convey the high frequency energy to the receivers.

Every possible effort will be made to obtain satisfactory results, but if this is impossible, gramophone music will be broadcast.

LIGHT AEROPLANE RECORDS.

ITALIAN AIRMAN'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.

Rome, Jan. 20.

Two records for light aeroplanes were broken by an Italian airman named Donati to-day, on the completion of a long flight on a closed circuit.

The new records established are for distance and duration. Donati flew 1,750 miles in 29 hours.—*Reuter*.

AIRSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

London, Jan. 20.

The Air Ministry announces that Wing-Commander Colman has been appointed Director of Airship Development.—*Reuter*.

HARMONY ON EVE OF CONFERENCE.

HAPPY NOTE STRUCK AT SAVOY BANQUET.

KING'S OPENING SPEECH MAY BE HEARD LOCALLY TO-NIGHT.

CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

An atmosphere of confidence and optimism prevailed on the eve of the opening of the London Naval Conference. The stage is now set for the historic ceremony at the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords, and the world-wide broadcast which is being attempted may make it possible for the King's speech to be heard in Hongkong shortly after seven o'clock this evening.

Yesterday, the visiting delegates held an informal meeting at No. 10, Downing Street, were received by the King at Buckingham Palace and were entertained by the Government at a banquet at the Savoy Hotel.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Stimson made inspiring speeches, expressing the hope that all concerned would conduct negotiations in a spirit of mutual good will and honest desire to understand each other's difficulties. The utmost cordiality was exhibited.

MILLWALL WIN THE CUP REPLAY.

CORINTHIANS OUTPLAYED AT THIRD MEETING.

FOURTH ROUND DRAW.

London, Jan. 20.

Millwall and the Corinthians met for the third time this afternoon to decide the right of entry into the next round of the F. A. Cup. The second replay took place at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's ground, and Millwall made no mistake on this occasion, winning by five goals to one.—*Reuter*.

The Fourth Round fixtures, to be played on Saturday next, are now complete, as follows:

Walsall	v. Aston Villa
Notts Forest	v. Fulham
Newcastle	v. Clapton O.
Arsenal	v. Birmingham
Swindon	v. Manchester City
Blackburn	v. Everton
Huddersfield	v. Sheffield U.
Millwall	v. Doncaster
Portsmouth	v. Brighton
Wool City	v. Blackpool
Wrexham	v. Bradford City
Darby C.	v. Bradford
Sunderland	v. Cardiff
Oldham	v. Wednesday
Middlesbro	v. Charlton
West Ham	v. Leeds U.

Seventeen of the thirty-two Clubs are from the First Division and nine of them are drawn at home. There are eight Second Division teams and seven from the two sections of the Third Division.

SENOL OSTIZ RUBIO.

THE REV. F. C. YOUNG.

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THE GALLERY OF GOLD.

Economy a By-Product.

Premier to Preside.

Standing in front of a vast painting showing the death of Lord Nelson amid the smoke of a naval battle, His Majesty the King will open the most momentous naval conference in history to-morrow in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords, which will be a gallery of gold.

The King's Throne of gold was brought to-day from Buckingham Palace, while before him a thousand golden chairs will glitter beneath the usual brilliant lights, made more brilliant on this occasion by the installation of five new three-thousand candle-power lamps.

Guarding the entrance to the Royal Gallery will be towering statues, also in gold, while a hundred feet above the roof, inlaid with gold.

Famous Microphone.

The famous microphone which will carry the King's voice to millions of listeners throughout the world, has a gold crest. It is inscribed "His Majesty the King's Microphone" and below are recorded the historic occasions of its use, the first being in 1924 when the King opened Liverpool Cathedral. Subsequently, the Wembley Exhibition appears.

The four corners of the Gallery contain amplifiers, also coloured gold.

Government Banquet.

To-night, the delegates to the naval conference will be the guests of honour at a banquet given by the Government at the Savoy Hotel. The banquet was the largest ever given by a British Government. There were four hundred and fifty guests.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald presided, and he had Mr. H. L. Stimson, the American leader on his right, and M. Tardieu, Prime Minister of France, on his left.

Proposing the toast of the delegates, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said he was perfectly certain that they had come to strive with heart and soul to make the Conference a conspicuous success, adding that if they behaved during the Conference as they do that day—referring to the Downing Street discussion of procedure—it would be the happiest, most harmonious and most pleasant time of his life.

Blessing to World.

Difficulties were apparent, said the Premier, but so were the great blessings to the world of a successful issue of the Conference.

Mr. MacDonald paid tributes, in succession, to M. Tardieu, M. Briand, Signor Grandi, Mr. Wakatsuki, and the representatives of the British Dominions.

Replying, Mr. H. L. Stimson stressed the importance of the occasion and urged mutual good will and honest effort to understand the circumstances and difficulties of each other's position.

Delegates Visit King.

Looking remarkably well.

His Majesty was greeted by cheering crowds.

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American Position.

Washington, Jan. 20.

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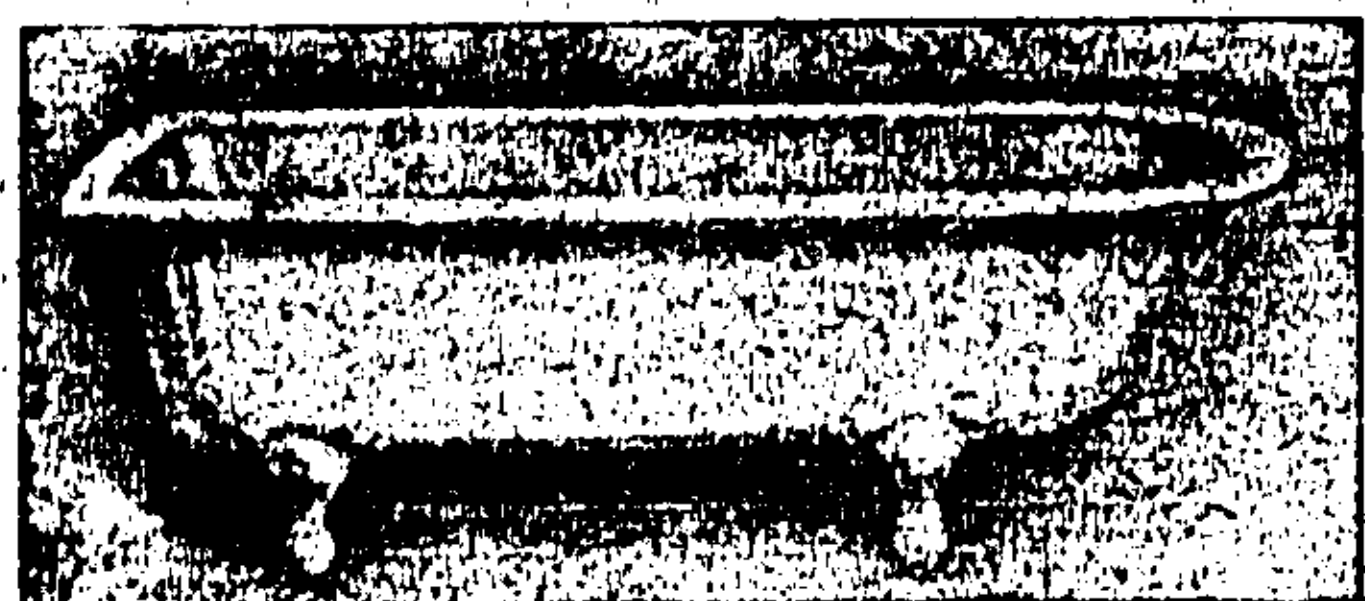
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PEAK TRAGEDY INQUEST.

**MR. BURNETT ADJUDGED
INSANE BY CORONER'S JURY.**

BUSINESS SOUND.

That Mr. Burnett committed murder and suicide while temporarily insane was the verdict returned by the jury at the enquiry concluded before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Into the circumstances attending the tragic death of Mr. B. W. O. Burnett and his wife, Caroline Elizabeth, which occurred on New Year's Day, when they were found shot dead in the drawing room of their home at No. 110, The Peak.

Police Sergeant J. E. Scott, police armourer, said:—I examined the two bullets (exhibits 1 and 2), and they are .32 automatic pistol bullets. The pistol (produced) is a .32 automatic and of the same calibre. The bullets are consistent with their having been fired recently. The pistol was shown to me by Sub-Inspector Logan on January 6, and was apparently in good working order. The magazine fits the pistol and contained six .32 automatic cartridges.

Police Sergeant Coleman said:—On the night of January 1st, at about 10.28 p.m. I was called into the charge room at the Peak Police Station where I saw a Chinese male who told me he was a "boy" at 110, The Peak. In consequence of what he reported to me, I proceeded to the house. I went in through the basement and went upstairs to the drawing room. There I saw Mr. Burnett sitting in an arm chair. He was holding an automatic pistol, similar to the one produced, in his left hand, and he was bleeding profusely from the ears and nose. I examined the body but could find no signs of life. I then went over to Mrs. Burnett who was sitting, with her feet up, on the settee. I examined her for signs of life, but could find none. I could see she was shot in the top of the head. She had her spectacles on and a paper was lying on her lap, whilst her hands were folded in her lap.

I rang up Mr. T. H. King and informed him of what I had found. I noticed a number of letters on Mr. Burnett's right-hand side. They numbered five. I also picked up an empty cartridge shell from behind Mr. Burnett's chair and I saw another one behind the sofa where Mrs. Burnett was. I noticed a mark on the frame work of one of the windows. It was a recent chip, and appeared to be caused by the bullet which apparently went through Mr. Burnett's head. The door which led into the hall was half way open.

The Coroner. (to the Jury):—I shall allow you to see the letters, but I see no reason why I should read them out aloud.

One of the letters written by Mr. Burnett, apparently contained a reference to an overdraft, and the Coroner said he would call Mr. Hegarty, the Chief Accountant, to show that although there was a slight overdraft as mentioned, it was nothing serious.

Mr. King's Evidence.

The jury then read the five letters left behind by the deceased gentleman, after which Mr. T. H. King, the Director of Criminal Intelligence, gave evidence, during which he said:—At 10.40 p.m. on January 1, I received a telephone message from the last witness. I called Dr. Strahan (the first witness) and went with him to No. 110, The Peak. We went in through the basement and I found the last witness in the house and in charge. I went into the drawing room. Dr. Strahan examined the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Burnett in the position which he described in his evidence. Five letters were on a stand on Mr. Burnett's right hand. Apart from the two dead bodies, the room was in perfect order. I took from Mr. Burnett's left hand this pistol (produced). I removed one live bullet from the chamber and the magazine which contained five other bullets. It is a weapon for which Mr. Burnett held an Arms

Licence. I saw the last witness pick up an empty cartridge case from behind the settee, which he gave to me. From the pocket of Mrs. Burnett's jacket which she was wearing, I removed these two letters. There is nothing relative in them. One is addressed from her son and one from a friend in London. They reveal a perfectly normal state of affairs, and she obviously put them in her pocket before dinner. I superintended the removal of the bodies the same night, between mid-night and 1 a.m. Inspector Logan showed me this letter written by Mrs. Burnett to her son. The letter is dated December 27. It is perfectly normal and is addressed to her son care of the Steamship Company at Colombo, which would meet him on his voyage to Hongkong.

The Coroner:—Do you know if the young man is still coming out?—Witness: I understand he is, Your Worship, so far as I know.

Mr. D. C. Wilson:—He sailed on January 11.

Shot from Behind.

The Coroner. (to Mr. King):—You have made a detailed enquiry. Do you believe the possibility of outside influence?

Mr. King:—After a careful and detailed enquiry, I am of the opinion that Mr. Burnett entered the drawing room by the hall door, which, as shown in the photographs (produced) is partly open, walked behind the settee and shot his wife without her having the slightest knowledge of what was going on, then went over to the arm chair and shot himself with his left hand.

The Coroner:—Did you, in the course of your duties, meet Mr. Burnett?—I did meet him.

Are you capable of giving any opinion as to his mentality?—On occasions in which I have met him in business I should describe him as normal, but I have known he was of an excitable temper.

Position at Bank.

Mr. Hegarty, Chief Accountant, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said that Mr. Burnett had been to see him with a view to securing a reduction of \$2,000 of his overdraft, that being in respect of the Newspaper Enterprise Account.

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said that as far as the Bank was concerned, Mr. Burnett should have no reason to worry to the extent of suicide. Witness understood that Mr. Burnett was in a better business position than he had been for the last three or four years. That of course was hearsay, but from the point of view of the Bank, there was no reason why the matter of the overdraft should have been a cause for desperate worry. Mr. Burnett had paid the interest on the overdraft.

Foreman of the Jury:—We would like to know the amount of overdraft.

Mr. Hegarty:—If it must be asked I must give it in answer of course, but I do not know if I am privileged to do so.

The Foreman intimated that they would be satisfied with an indication whether the amount was large or small.

Mr. Hegarty:—I don't like, Your Worship, to give the figure. I don't know that I am at liberty to do so. I can tell you that it is fully secured if that satisfies you.

Later, witness said that the overdraft was not a large sum.

The Coroner having remarked that in his opinion he did not think it right to direct Mr. Hegarty to disclose the private affairs of the Company, the matter was left at that.

Sub-Inspector Logan, in charge of the Peak Police Station, said he was on leave on the night of January 1, when he heard of the occurrence and hurried to No. 110, The Peak. Arriving there at 12 o'clock, he found Mr. King and other police officers in charge. Witness later assisted in removing the bodies under Mr. King's supervision.

Mr. King:—Did you later make a search of the premises, on January 4?—Yes, I found this letter by a desk upstairs in what is known as the spare bedroom, next to Mrs. Burnett's bedroom. I handed it to the C.D.I., Mr. Murphy.

Shown the bullet, marked as exhibit 2, witness said that on the 4th, three days after the tragedy, he found it behind the door of Mr.

Burnett's dining room. They were folding doors, opening outwards into the drawing room, and the position in which the bullet was found was consistent with its having ricocheted from a point on the wall indicated in a photograph, also handed in.

Business Affairs.

Mr. D. C. Wilson, business manager of the Newspaper Enterprise Company, Limited, said he had known Mr. Burnett for four-and-a-half years. Besides the Newspaper Enterprise, Mr. Burnett also controlled the Hongkong Sunday Herald Publishing Company and Hongkong Dollar Directory Company, which were separate business concerns.

The Coroner:—Have you any reason to think that he was desperately worried over his business?—No, I have not.

In reply to other questions Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Burnett was popular with his staff and also with outsiders. Mr. Burnett was in great demand as a humourist at entertainments, and he entertained the Shafores when it was here last. The first witness knew of the tragedy was at 3.30 a.m. on January 2, when a European detective came up to his house at Quarry Bay and said that Mr. Burnett was dead. When witness heard that he got a shock.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that Mr. Burnett was usually very excited and hot-tempered, but his temper would be of only very short duration. The last time he saw Mr. Burnett was at 5.15 p.m. on New Year's Day, when they passed each other in rickshas opposite the Kowloon Hotel, and exchanged salutations.

The Coroner:—Did you know he was suffering from a weak heart?—I found that he had a weak heart. Once or twice he had attacks in his office.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that business had definitely improved within the last three to four years. The various Companies were carrying on.

Mr. J. T. Dobbie, Editor of the China Mail and Sunday Herald, said he had known Mr. Burnett five years exactly to a day. About ten days before the tragedy, Mr. Burnett informed witness that the business was better in December than in the corresponding month in previous years. Witness had no idea that Mr. Burnett was going to commit suicide.

This concluded the evidence.

Coroner's Summing Up.

In his address to the jury, the Coroner said in a case like that there were two possibilities, of homicide and suicide. They had heard Mr. King's evidence and the evidence of the police generally, which so far as Mrs. Burnett was concerned, appeared to be homicide. They had ample evidence tendered which would show that Mrs. Burnett was entirely unaware of what was going to happen. He (the Coroner), must inform them that even if Mrs. Burnett had been aware and had agreed to it, the fact remained that the cause of death was a gun-shot wound fired by Mr. Burnett. The verdict in that case would be legally one of murder against her husband, Mr. Burnett.

Continuing, the Coroner said that in regard to Mr. Burnett himself they would have to form the opinion whether or not he died by his own hands. Having arrived at this point, it would be for the jury to decide whether Mr. Burnett fired those two shots and if they found he did fire them, whether or not at the time he was in full possession of his wits (i.e. whether he was sane or whether he was not sane). They had heard evidence which would go to show that, as far as worldly considerations went, Mr. Burnett was not in the position when he should want to commit suicide. They had also heard Dr. Cannon's and other medical evidence which would help them to come to an opinion as to the state of health and mind Mr. Burnett was in before the tragedy. With regard to evidence of crime, or of suicide (whatever the jury might like to find), there was this fact revealed of a singular line of thought having been displayed by the deceased in the preparation. That was not unusual bearing in

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**S.E. ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SCHEME.
BRITISH MATERIALS TO BE USED.**

The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work in between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors, insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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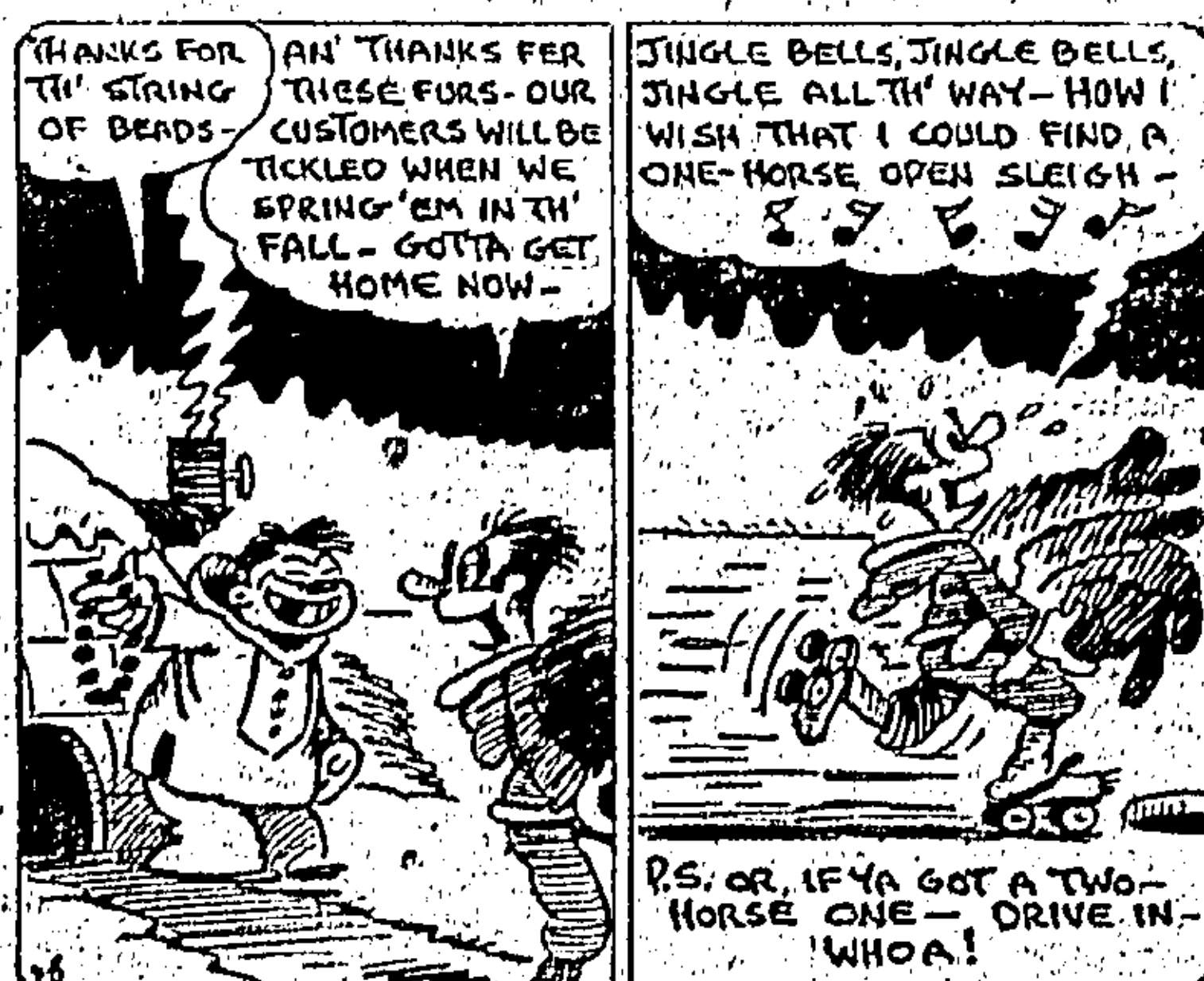
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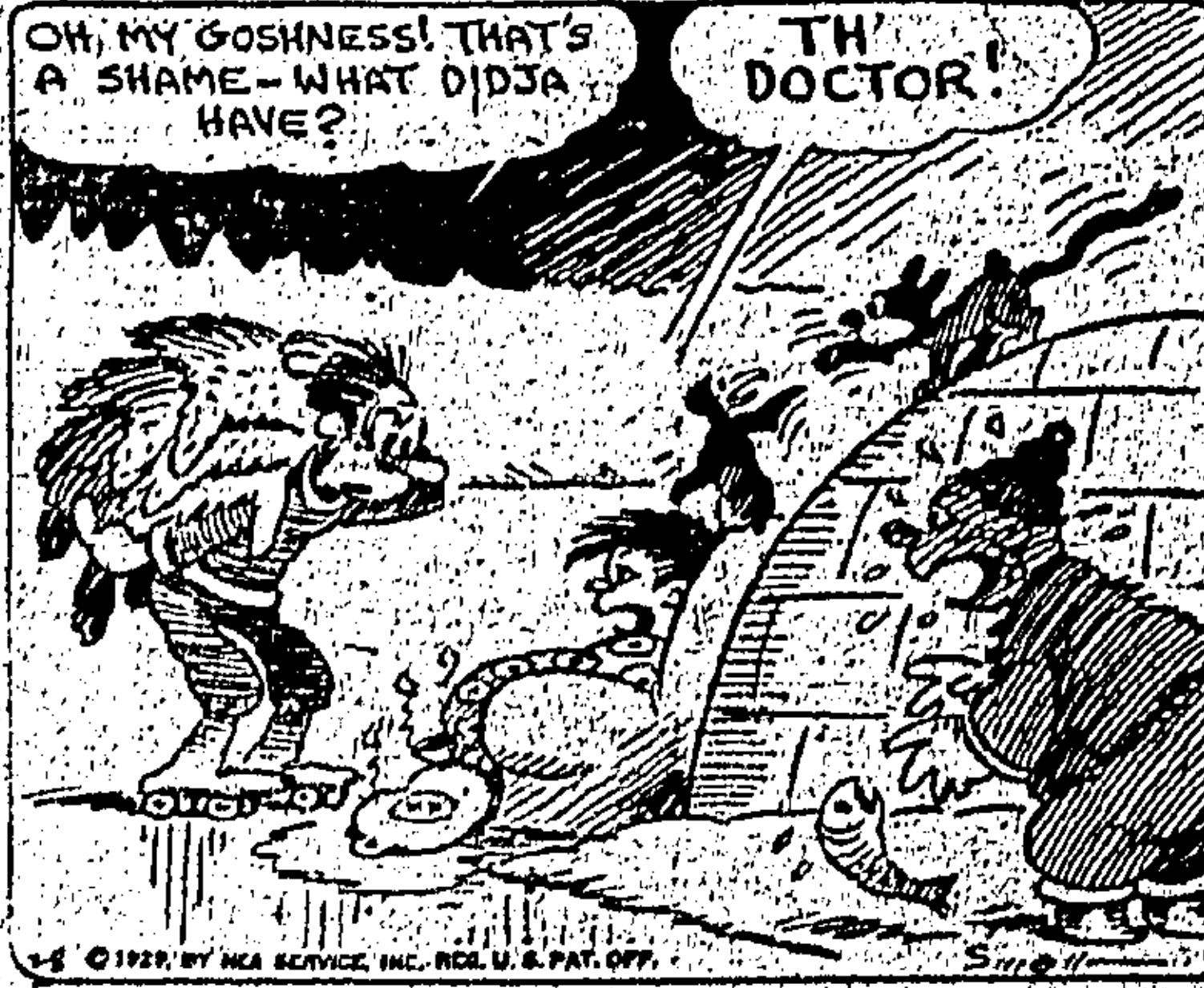
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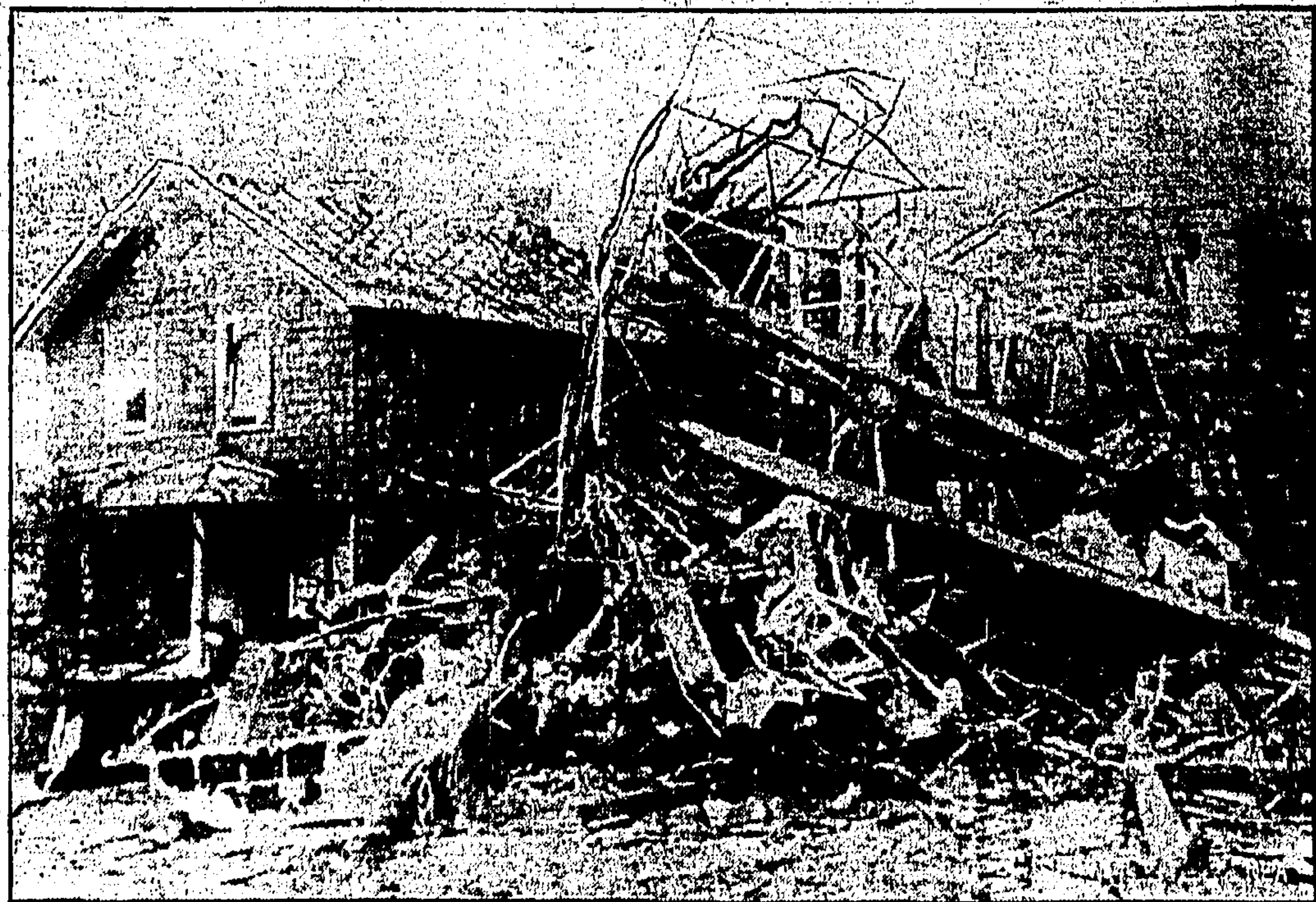


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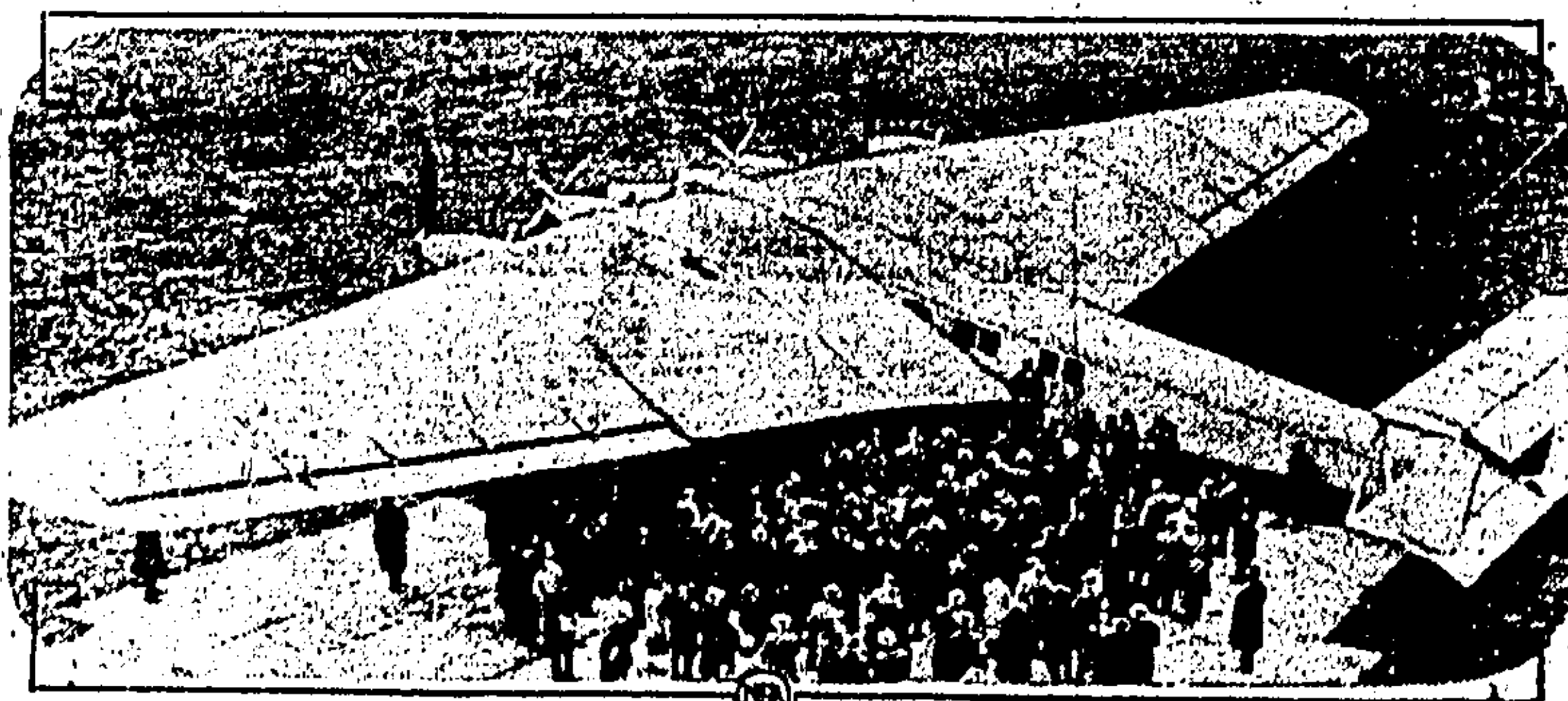




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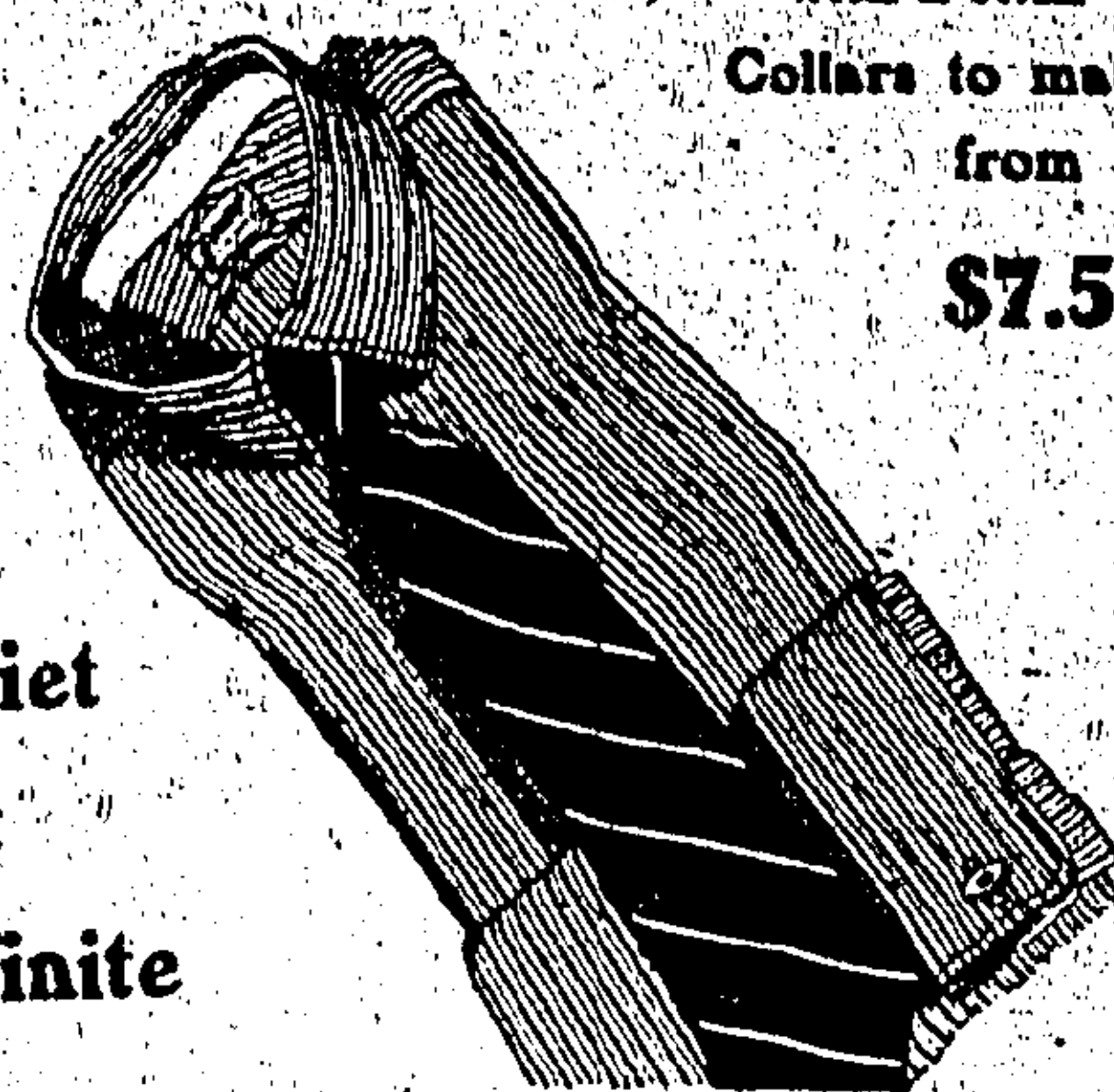
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The Business of the Meeting will be to adopt a constitution for a Society for the Protection of Children and to elect officers and General and Executive Committees.

NOTICE.

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HAROLD T. CREASY,

Water Authority,
Public Works Department,

Hongkong, 20th January, 1930.

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U.S.A., (San Francisco 27th December, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Adams	January 25.
Europe via Nipponkai Maru	Lyons Maru	January 25.
London 26th December 1929	Pres. McKinley	January 26.
Manila	President Jefferson	January 27.
U.S.A., (San Francisco, 3rd Jan), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	January 31.
U.S.A., (Seattle 11th January), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	February 2.
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 11th Jan), U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	February 3.

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Amoy	Hosang	Tues. Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hang Sang	Tues. Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Tenyo Maru	Tues. Jan. 21. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 13th Feb.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Wed. Jan. 22. Registration Jan. 21, 5 p.m. Letters Jan. 22, 8.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 3rd February).
Tourane	Chungkong	Wed. Jan. 22, 9.30 a.m.
Foochow	Yusang	Wed. Jan. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutsz	Wed. Jan. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	Chengtu	Wed. Jan. 22, 1.30 p.m.
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Straits	Mirzapore	Wed. Jan. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Murado Maru	Thurs. Jan. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B. C. and Europe via Siberia	Ixion	Thurs. Jan. 23. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B. C. 18th Feb.)
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs. Jan. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Iowa	Thurs. Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	New Mathilde	Fri. Jan. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumang	Fri. Jan. 24. Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Fri. Jan. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Sat. Jan. 25. K. P. O. Registration Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m. Letters Jan. 25, 9 a.m. G. P. O. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd Feb.)
Foochow and Weihaiwei	Cheong Shing	Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Taiyuan	Sun. Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun. Jan. 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hogan Maru	Sun. Jan. 26, 9 a.m.
Japan, "South American Ports and Europe via Siberia"	Bokuyo Maru	Mon. Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Soochow	Mon. Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Mon. Jan. 27. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 19th Feb.)
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INSTONE BREWER'S DEFENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

can you suggest any other way he could have done it than by putting it in the cash account as he has done?—No.

Assuming that these items have been put in the cash account because, as you say, you can suggest no other way, would it be justifiable in your opinion for the person making out the Statutory Report to deny that money having come in as cash and named a lesser sum as having been received?—Yes.

In the event of the Company's Statutory Report having named cash received at the figure you state, about \$60,000; how could the company have explained its claim against individuals to whom it purported to have lent \$793,000?—You are asking me to assume a fictitious entry in the books.

Not Fictitious.

His Lordship:—It isn't a fictitious entry in the sense that nothing happened when the Directors purported to have made loans. How could they otherwise show it?—The whole transaction appears to me to be fictitious and I cannot say.

His Lordship:—I cannot help feeling that you, as a chartered accountant, should be able to make some answer. There must be some true way of stating these facts.

Mr. Ross:—If the company makes loans and has not the cash to make loans it seems to me it is not cash, and the entries are fictitious.

His Lordship:—Well, that is a matter the jury have to settle. What is the true way of stating in this certificate the position of the bank as disclosed in the books? Assuming that the transactions were not fictitious, I think that the Statutory Report would be correct.

His Lordship suggested it might read that the total number of shares allotted was 10,080, and the sum of \$10 had been paid in respect of each share with security as to the balance.

Didn't Think of It.

Mr. Ross agreed.
His Lordship:—Now why did you not suggest that?—I did not think of it.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Even that, my Lord, would require to be modified by the word "personal" to make it personal security.

His Lordship:—Possibly. His Lordship:—Wouldn't that be a correct and true way of stating what, in your view of the books, has in fact happened?—My trouble is I cannot explain these transactions other than being absolutely fictitious.

His Lordship again pointed out that they were not fictitious in a certain sense. In the end, the bank was left with certain claims which they did not have before. At the end of the transactions, they had the promissory notes, on which they could go into Court and sue. In fact they had sued on one note. Before the transactions they were not in possession of those notes; therefore something had happened so that they were not entirely fictitious. Even on witness's view of the books, something had happened and that had to be stated in the certificate. He would therefore suggest that witness would be right in saying as to \$10 on each share in respect of cash and as to the balance, personal security.

Mr. Ross said that would be all right as far as it went, but he did say that the present statement appearing on the certificate was false as cash had not been received for the full amount although personal securities had been received for nine-tenths.

The Foreman of the Jury (Mr. Stopani Thomson) intimated that he did not quite understand the connexion between the Instone Banking Corporation and the Instone Trading Company.

His Lordship explained the transfer of shares and added that so far they had no information as to what the Company was.

Asked by his Lordship whether application was made for the shares held by Mrs. Brewer as trustee, Mr. Ross said he was unable to say.

Recalled, the Official Receiver said he had never seen an application for the shares. Mrs. Brewer was trustee for certain persons in Peking who were expected to apply for shares. Mrs. Brewer's shares were sold under agreement to the Instone Trading Company.

The Judge:—The result was this—that the Instone Banking Corporation became shareholders in the Instone Trading Company and the Instone Trading Company became shareholders in the Instone Banking Corporation?—Yes.

Valuable Shares.

Have you discovered anything about the shares in the Instone Trading Company? What is their value?—Nil.

The Official Receiver added that it was a private limited company with two original shareholders. In reply to Mr. Brewer, he said it was quite possible that the closing of the Canton and Shekhi branches of the Bank had materially affected the Trading Company's decision to commence business. The Official Receiver agreed that the Company's original assets were intact.

At the conclusion of the Crown's evidence, Mr. Brewer requested that Mr. Leo, who had not been called for the Crown, should be tendered for cross-examination. Mr. Brewer said he would consider himself prejudiced by his non-production, coupled with the fact that the charges had been separated. If they had been taken together, he would have had the right to cross-examine Mr. Leo.

Crown's Discretion.

His Lordship pointed out that there was no obligation on the part of the Crown to call any witness appearing on the record. It was at the Crown's discretion. Any witness not called was available to the other side. It was a perfectly reasonable and fair position.

Mr. Brewer replied that so long as Mr. Leo was under a bond to appear for the Crown as a witness, it was impossible for him (Mr. Brewer) to get a statement from Mr. Leo. As a Crown witness on the other counts, Mr. Leo was not prepared to make a statement on the present count.

Mr. Fitzroy intimated that the witness was at Mr. Brewer's disposal. The witness was outside and could be asked anything which Mr. Brewer liked.

Mr. Brewer then asked whether the witness could be informed to that effect, the argument close when his Lordship said that the Crown would offer facilities.

Mr. Brewer's Evidence.

Mr. Brewer then proceeded with his own case, first reading from the report of his public examination the passages dealing with the formation of the Instone Trading Company and the transfer of shares.

He then gave evidence, and explained the capital flotation of the Instone Banking Company. He said that applications were received totalling \$2,800,000. He was inexperienced in banking and had been placed in charge of the bank solely for the purpose of organisation. It was the directors' intention to appoint a fully qualified manager. When the manager did not appear and applications for shares totalling \$2,800,000 were received, he was not prepared to take the responsibility of accepting all that cash. He had no doubt as to the genuineness of the applications but he had a very real fear of being saddled with the responsibility of over two millions. The case is proceeding.

THE OPERA SEASON.

TWO FURTHER SUCCESSES
LAST NIGHT.

There was a large and most appreciative audience at the Star Theatre last night, when the Italian Grand Opera Company presented two old favourites—"Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci." With the passing of time, these operas lose none of their popularity, and last night they were enjoyed to the full.

The feature of both pieces was the fine singing and dramatic acting of the principals. The chorus was too aggressive for the size of the building and rather inclined to indecision in attack; a toning down of its power would not in any way detract from its effectiveness. Somewhat on the small side, the orchestra did well with the material available, whilst the Musical Director, Maestro Ceccarelli, worked hard to keep his forces in hand.

The principals in "Cavalleria Rusticana" were Mme. Bodini (Santuzza), Mlle. Benedetti (Lola), Mlle. Pabbi (Mamma Lucia), Sig. Tummiwello (Turiddu) and Sig. Casarosa (Alfio). All were good, but especial praise is due to Mme. Bodini for her fine interpretation of the part entrusted to her. She sang beautifully throughout. Sig. Tummiwello was also excellent, whilst Mlle. Benedetti had the right conception of the role of Lola.

"Pagliacci" was noteworthy for the magnificent singing and acting of Sig. A. Giovannini in the role of Canio, whilst Sig. Reali undertook the part of Tonio with marked success. His rendering of the Prologue was a fine piece of work. Mlle. Ferrari was good as Nedda, whilst as Silvio and Arlecchino respectively Sig. Contini and Sig. Barontini lent excellent support.

"Faust" is the attraction for to-night, and it should draw a big audience.

Season Extended.

Music-lovers will be interested to learn that the Company is extending its season at the Star Theatre. To-morrow, "Carmen" will be produced, and then will follow a number of other favourites.

On Thursday, "Il Trovatore" will be staged, whilst on the following night, "Lucia di Lammermoor" will be given by special request. In this opera, Mlle. de Alba will be heard. She is a great prima donna, having sung with Gigli at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, and on one should miss this performance.

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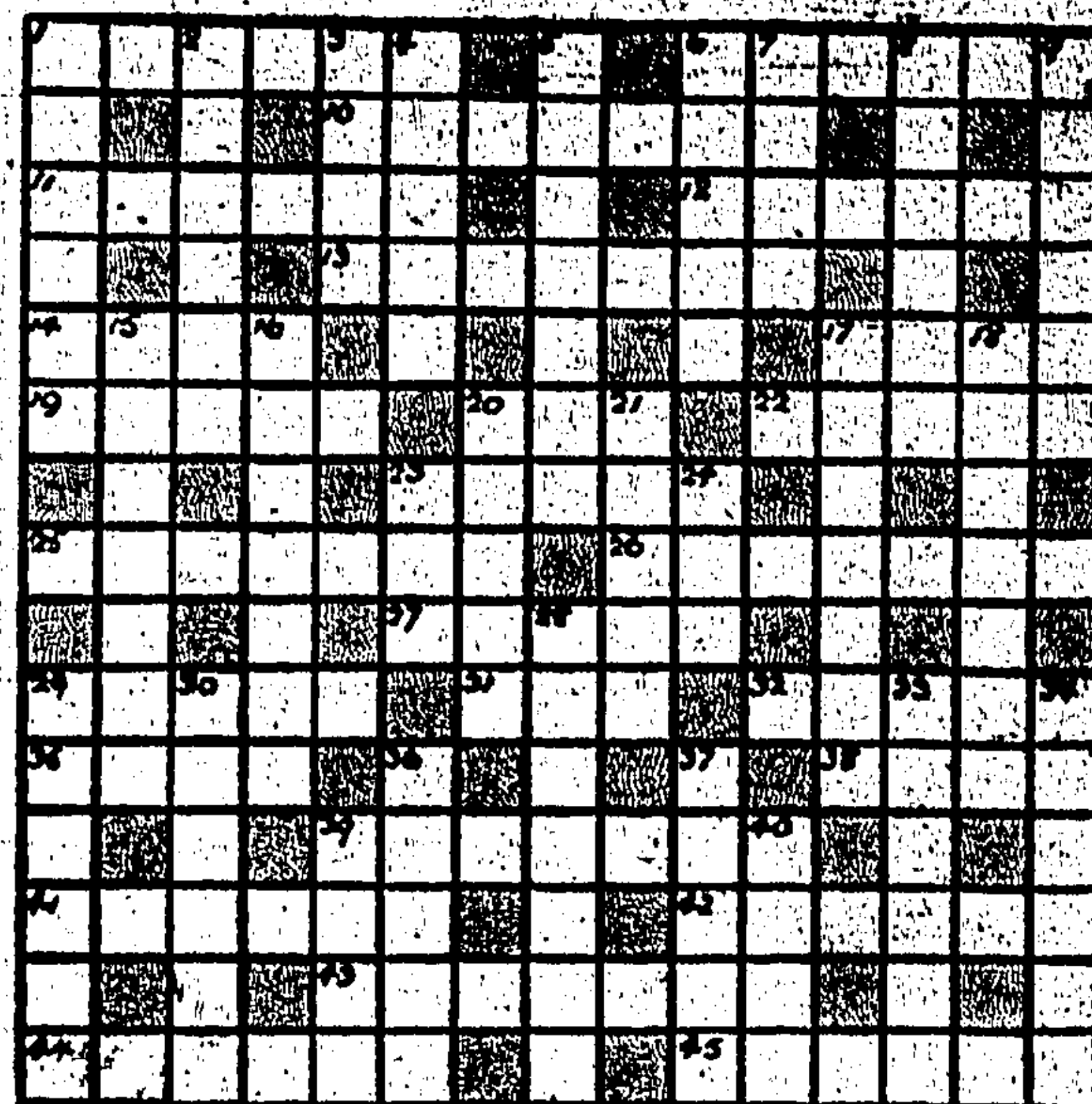
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JAPANESE DIET.

DISSOLUTION MAY FOLLOW
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Tokyo, Jan. 20.
With the opening of the Naval Conference in London, and also the reconvening of the Diet here to-morrow, an air of suppressed excitement is discernible.

It is generally believed that almost as soon as the Premier, the Foreign Minister and the Finance Minister have delivered their

speeches the Diet will be dissolved for the purpose of enabling the Government party to seek a majority and is therefore able to block any measures proposed.

The Foreign Minister's speech, which is unusually lengthy, will be available at the Embassies, Legations and leading Consulates before-hand.

Meantime, so far as the Naval Conference in London is concerned, it is understood that Mr. Wakatsuki's speech will be a purely formal expression of hope for the success of the Conference. —Reuter.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



By Blosser

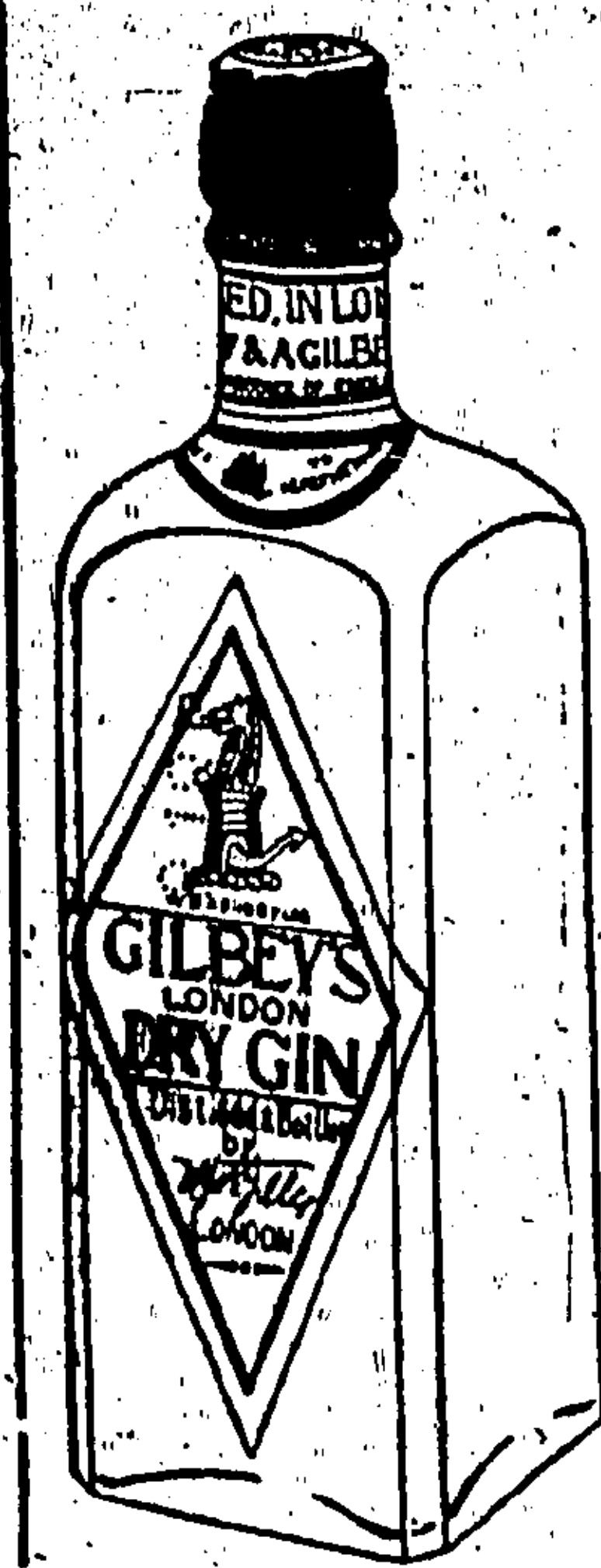
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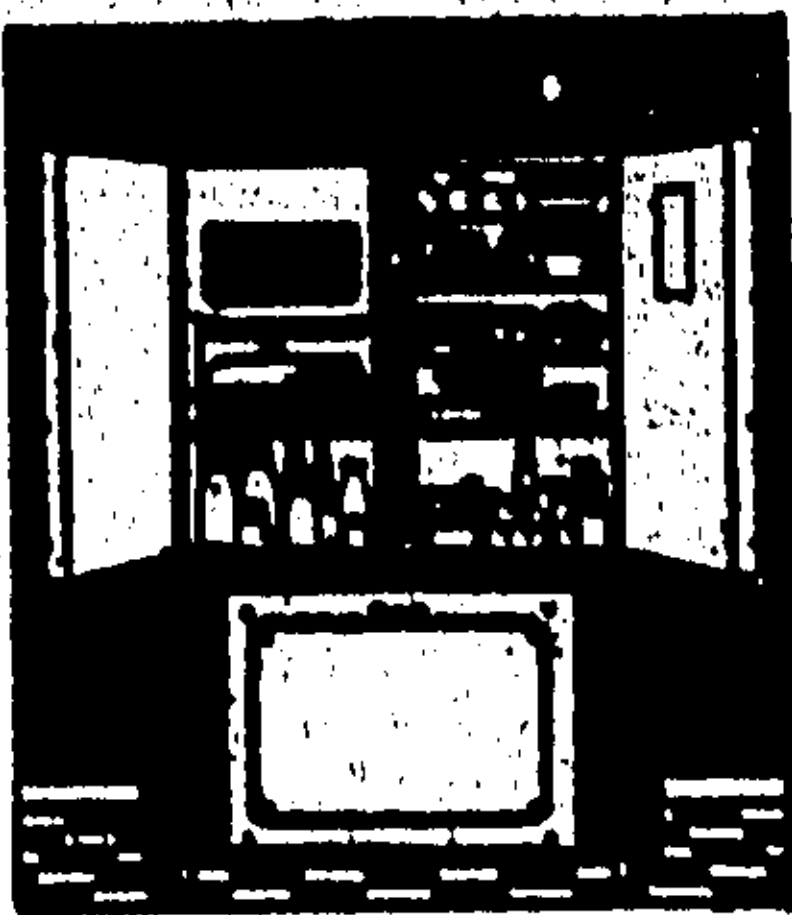
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RICKSHAS NO LONGER
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In common with many other parts of the Far East, Hongkong is finding that the ricksha is gradually being driven off its streets as a result of the growing use of motor transport. The authorities have realised, in recent years, that there is not the same need for these man-power vehicles as there was in the days when they represented practically the only means of conveyance, and we have accordingly seen a perceptible diminution in the number of licences issued. Even so, there are still far too many rickshas in use. At the moment, we have not the figures beside us, but there must be still well over two thousand of these vehicles operating in Hongkong and Kowloon. The growing popularity of motor transport is, as we have said, limiting the scope of these rickshas, and in course of time even the operation of this factor will drive them from our streets entirely. We seem, however, to have reached a point when the process should be expedited by further action on the part of the authorities.

Apart from the facilities offered by tramcars, taxi-cabs and public-hire cars, a new factor has come into prominence in recent years, namely, the opening up of many districts by motor-buses. Both on the island and the mainland, there has been progressive development along these lines, with the result that it is now possible to get almost anywhere by bus. In Hongkong, the services maintained by the Hotel and Tramway Companies have been extended so as to cover practically all the populated areas, whilst in Kowloon the excellent facilities provided are always being extended, with like results. It therefore follows that there is less need than ever before for the ricksha. Much more important than this fact, however, is the danger created by the presence of so many hand-drawn vehicles in the main streets of Hongkong and Kowloon. We have now reached a stage at which it can be said that to ride in a ricksha in our principal thoroughfares is to invite a mishap. What with trams, taxis, motor-cars, and buses, there is really no room for the humble ricksha. As things are, however, we see these vehicles dogging about amidst the congested traffic, only making confusion

worse confounded and immensely adding to the risks of everybody concerned. We suggest, therefore, that it is high time the authorities decided on a date, say a year or two years ahead, when no rickshas will be permitted to ply either on the island or the mainland. Let us recognise the fact that rickshas have had their day.

Whilst on the subject, we would refer also to another growing nuisance and danger—the presence on our busy thoroughfares of innumerable young cyclists who have the haziest ideas of traffic rules. Cycling is evidently becoming a new craze amongst Chinese youths. There could be no possible objection to this if the young enthusiasts went out into the country for a spin; the mischief is that they confine themselves to the busy parts of the island and the mainland, dodging in and out between the traffic and indulging in all manner of trick riding. They are a danger not only to themselves but to all other users of the roads. The evil is becoming more pronounced every day, despite the smart punishment of offenders when brought to Court. Failing the closing of certain thoroughfares to cyclists, it would perhaps be a good idea to licence all push-bikes. That would tend to decrease the number of machines in use and also enable a better control to be exercised over the cyclists. Sooner or later, something will have to be done; in our opinion, the sooner the better.

Mr. Snowden's Triumphs.

The extraordinary domination exercised by Mr. Philip Snowden at The Hague is a remarkable personal tribute. It also shows to what extent the Chancellor's historic battle for England's rights has enhanced British prestige on the Continent. Back on the scene of his former triumph, the greatest of his career, and once again involved in the complications and quibbles attached to reparations discussions, Mr. Snowden has maintained his high reputation in no uncertain fashion. No other man could talk like Mr. Snowden has talked and succeed. No other man could be so blunt and so impressive at the same time. Such is the privilege of prestige. The Continent indeed has recognised the full qualities of the man. They realise that he is not out to court popularity, and worries not at all about diplomacy, but that if he holds any views at all, he is prepared to express them strongly and unflinchingly. He is listened to with respect because he does not beat about the bush. At the conference just drawing to a close he has personally turned impending rupture into success on three occasions. The biggest problem of all he brought to negotiable distance by rallying the German delegates on their lack of self-reliance. The Little Entente took a new view of their problem when he pointed out the never-get-anywhere nature of their methods, while an agreement between Italy and Czechoslovakia was reached in almost record time after Mr. Snowden had pointed the way. As at the First Conference, Mr. Snowden's achievements have been successes in the highest sense, for not only has he accomplished his mission, but his manner of doing it has earned the admiration and good will even of the men at variance.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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New York	34.855
Brussels	25.195
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Copenhagen	18.215
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Vienna	164.4
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Athens	275
Bucharest	318
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Buenos Aires	44.4
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Shanghai	1/4 1/4
Hong Kong	2/3 3/16
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British Wireless.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Currency Problem.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—An intelligent analysis of my currency suggestions I never for a moment anticipated, but as ferable to being frigidly ignored, I am genuinely grateful to "Political Economist" and "Cynicus" for their benevolent retaliation.

The snag in my policy upon which they are both concentrating appears to be that a commodity backing would present unsurmountable difficulties in a crisis. Now, the biggest financial crisis that Britain has ever experienced with her gold standard was the outbreak of war in 1914—and what happened? A rush on her banks was inevitable, as "The Great Bluff" predicted, and had we relied on gold for our salvation, we should have lost the war before we had started. We wisely declared a moratorium, instead, which meant that holders of paper money obtained the Government's guarantee of the nation's commodity wealth as their security.

Without further amplification and encroachment upon your space this, I think, effectually disposes of "Political Economist's" babies' bottles, bags of rice and tins of tomatoes, but it will do no harm to inform "Cynicus" and him that some of the biggest of our financial authorities are very strongly inclined in the direction of a commodity basis. Such men as Sir Peter Rylands, Mr. Goodenough, of Barclay's, Mr. McKenna and Sir W. H. Goschen were among the keenest opponents of post-war deflation to get back to the gold parity.

So far, so good. I am directed to advise you, Mr. Editor, that on the evening of the 18th instant, after a very enthusiastic debate, the following resolutions were passed at the second meeting of the Kowloon Emergency Currency Advisory Committee:

(1) Silver dollars to be immediately called in.
(2) The note issue to be at once adjusted to bring the purchasing power of the dollar back to that obtaining in October last.

(3) Note-issuing banks to come under Government supervision.

(4) Gold and silver reserves to be abolished and the proceeds of sale of bullion to be invested in British gilt-edged securities which will be held by the Government of Hongkong as security against the paper issue. This will wipe out the uneconomical practice of hoarding up unremunerative wealth and will, incidentally, mean the release of large quantities of gold and silver for their legitimate industrial functions.

(5) The note issue to become the Government of Hongkong's responsibility, with the Colony's commodity wealth as backing and a fixed general price level as its basis. (I wonder if "Political Economist" realises that British industries are now being crippled by taxation to cover the £7,000 million war debt—the result of the 1914 moratorium and our commodity guarantee?)

(6) The note-issuing banks to pay a specified percentage for the use of the currency, that percentage to remain stationary so long as the general price level is maintained between certain specified limits and to be increased as the dollar's purchasing power rises or falls beyond these limits.

The Committee considers that when it has succeeded in enforcing these proposals, the inherent stability of our currency will not only give a marked impetus to our trade, but will result in the Government of Hongkong becoming the money-lending banker of South China, thereby introducing a new source of wealth to the Colony by virtue of our geographical position relative to war-ridden China and the comparative security of our wealth.—Yours, etc.,

ONLOOKER.

Secretary: The K.E.C.A.C.
Kowloon, Jan. 20th, 1930.

Sir.—I confess to a chuckle this evening on reading the comments of "Political Economist" and "Cynicus" both provoked by "Onlooker's" letters. The absurdity of adding bananas to a suit of clothes brings to my mind the story of the divinity student, who over-estimating the desire of his examiners for recruits for the Church, hoped to obtain Orders although he balked at a set question on the Trinity by a long dissertation on the minor prophets.

So with "Onlooker" in his letter of the 14th instant on which nobody has had any comments to make. And I agree it is difficult if not impossible to follow the column and half devoted to the letter. On one point, however, I will join issue with him, namely on values the estimation of which, according to my experience, involves the consideration of the other fellow's ideas, and as often as not its acceptance too. The value of a commodity, therefore, is not measured exclusively by its worth to ourselves, and in proof I might cite the dollar or even a banana.

Pardon my lapse into facetiousness in this very serious discussion, and I will now declare my readiness

DAY BY DAY.

OCCASIONAL DEPRESSION NO ONE CAN AVOID, BUT ALL TEMPER EVERYBODY.—*Feuchtersleben.*

Mr. A. J. Arculli is to distribute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School on Thursday morning.

H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to open the new building of the Ying Wah College in Bute Street, Monok, on Friday at 11 a.m.

The attention to local Scotsmen is drawn to the fact that the Burns' Dinner is to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday at 8 p.m., and not on Saturday, as previously advertised.

The dollar was up a farthing this morning, compared with yesterday, the demand rate being 7.1/16. This is the first time since the 6th instant that it has passed the 7s. 7d. mark.

The master of a trading junk was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole for causing an obstruction in the Southern Railway by anchoring his boat there.

A complaint has been received by the police from Mrs. Ogden, residing at No. 11, Victoria Barracks, to the effect that as she was walking up Battery Path about 8.15 last night, a Chinese snatched from her hand a bag, containing money and personal letters to the total of \$20.

On a charge of returning from banishment a Chinese was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Another man, who was banished for five years in 1929, was given eight months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the birch.

Cruelty to twenty-six pigs by sitting on the crates was alleged against eight Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. It was stated that the pigs were being taken to the Slaughter House on a lorry and the defendants were sitting on the crates. Each defendant was fined \$5.

A fine of \$8 was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was charged with causing cruelty to a number of chickens by carrying them in a crate which was too small for the purpose. It was intimated that the fowls were in an exhausted condition when taken out at the Police Station.

Arrested in Queen's Road West yesterday, carrying a cardigan jacket believed to have been stolen, a Chinese was remanded by Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, while an endeavour is being made to locate the owner of the garment. Anyone who has lost a cardigan jacket with a label marked "Fleming Reid & Co., Greenock" is requested to communicate with Inspector Bloor, of the No. 7 (West Point) Police Station.

to proceed with it as soon as "Onlooker" has elaborated the cure contained in the last paragraph of his letter by answering the following questions:

(a) Can Hongkong although admittedly a follower in economic and other fields, and being essentially no more than a vendor of services, throw off its economic bondage to China?

(b) How is the recommended silver exclusion policy to be carried out by our bankers?

(c) Why should the onus be thrown on Bankers of retaining silver pending an expected recovery on restriction of output?

(d) Granting that a low price might automatically restrict the output of silver mines, how is it proposed to restrict the enormous supply of the metal obtained as a by-product, and what are the steps suggested to counteract sales for Indian account which acted, logically, as a dominant bear factor over the market?

Despite the fall of almost four pence since October, the exchange value of the dollar at its present market price of 1.73/4 is still some 7% above the price of silver plus minting charges and cost of transportation and, subject to present prices, there would seem to be no obstacle for a drop to about 1/6. The effect of the inevitable recognition that silver is the basis of our currency (as opposed to that loose term "reversion") has not yet, therefore, been completely felt, but let me tip "Onlooker" that plums are still available for the picking, not by a one-sided speculative forward purchase of sterling, but by such a purchase in conjunction with the importation of dollars for its payment, giving a profit of more than \$9,000 on \$10,000.—Yours, etc.,

ONLOOKER.

Hongkong, Jan. 21st, 1930.

The Very Idea!

Dr. Bernard Hollander has been saying that children must be taught self-control, that habits of system, order, punctuality, temperance, self-reliance, and perseverance may be the salvation in after life, and that young people should be taught the difficult art of facing life as it is, and not as it is hoped, expected, or feared to be. All of which is very true, even if it be somewhat Victorian.

The difficulty, it seems, lies in that phrase "life as it is." The great majority of older folk see life at a different angle from the younger generation—different, it may be, from their own angle when they were young.

Johnson (to his neighbour's small daughter, whom he has seen coming out of a telephone-box): But, surely, Jane, you can't use the telephone?

Jane: Oh, no! I went in there to keep out of the cold.

(It has been stated that one reason for the neglect of Shakespeare is the fact that he brings but little revenue to the theatre bars.)

Gone are the nights of Othello and Oberon, Hamlet and Arjel, Falstaff and Puck.

Though there are times when we find something sober on Shakespeare at present is down on his luck.

Clear is the reason: the voice of authority whispers, "He isn't as dry as they think."

Business demands a big thirsty majority—
Let's produce plays that will drive them to drink!

"But, my dear, whatever do you want with another new coat?"
"A new hat."

Spain is about to honour the memory of Rodrigo de Heredia, who, it is claimed, was the first man to smoke tobacco in Europe, by fixing a memorial tablet on the house in which he lived in Argamonte. Rodrigo de Heredia accompanied Columbus on the expedition which led to the discovery of America. Rodrigo brought back leaves of tobacco, which he smoked, much to the horror of his family. His wife, a good Catholic, denounced him to the Holy Inquisition as a man who swallows fire, exhales smoke and is surely possessed by the devil. Poor Rodrigo was arrested and imprisoned for many years.

Husband at North London: My wife used me as a sort of punching bag, and I got in the first blow in self-defence.

The better the music the greater the obstruction.—Mr. Mead at Marlborough-street.

Woman to man summoned at Penge: You tore your own trousers in trying to stop your wife taking money out of the pocket.

Solicitor at Kingston-on-Thames: In many post offices it is impossible to get to the counter because of the people sending telegrams to bookmakers, so the Government are really bookmakers' runners.

Willesden Employer: I am generally suspicious of my men, but I was not of this one, and he robbed me of £20.

WHO WAS...
HONEYWOOD?

The trouble with Mr. Honeywood was that he was far too good-natured, far too anxious to please, far too ready to give and to give way, so that by the very excess of his benevolence, he laid up for himself endless trouble and disappointment.

His greatest wish was to be beloved by all, and in attempting to attain to this beatific state he fell a victim to all the rogues and scoundrels in his orbit, all the snobs and sycophants, and the tribe of the undeserving in general.

It was left to his sensible old uncle, and to Miss Richmond, who loved him in spite of his spinelessness, to rescue him from the morass of ill-advised liberality in which he was floundering, and to make him realise the futility of his methods. In the end, he saw his mistake, and confessed: "Though inclined to the right, I had not the courage to condemn the wrong; my charity was but injustice, my benevolence but weakness, my friendship but credulity."

The very apposite title of the play in which Mr. Honeywood figures is "The Good-Natured Man," by Oliver Goldsmith. It is almost certain that in this the central character of the play, the "author" was really satirising his own besetting weakness of excessive amiability.

ONLOOKER.

Hongkong, Jan. 21st, 1930.

FORGED HONGKONG BANKNOTE.**FRUIT HAWKER SENT TO PRISON TO-DAY.****STORY DISBELIEVED.**

Stating that he could not accept the man's story, as he had behaved in an incredible manner, Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, sentenced a fruit hawker to 12 months' imprisonment on two charges of possessing and uttering a forged \$50 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note.

The defendant said that he picked the note up in Wing Lok Street on Friday last, but did not attempt to change it until the following Monday, when he purchased a leather bag at a hat shop in Queen's Road. He was a fruit hawker and slept in the streets.

Mr. Hamilton held that if accused were an honest man, he would have immediately changed the bank note in order to obtain decent lodgings. The fact that he waited until three days later before attempting to change it, and then purchased a bag which he did not want, was suspicious.

Mr. G. W. E. True, an assistant at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said he was thoroughly familiar with the Bank's notes and the one produced was a forged note. To the inexperienced eye it was a good forgery, but not to the expert eye. Its general appearance was untidy and the numbers on the note were very irregular. The note had been lithographed and the numbers put on afterwards, instead of being printed with the notes.

Li Fuk-chau, foki at the King King Hat shop, 223, Queen's Road, said that yesterday morning the defendant came into the shop and tendered a \$50 note for a red leather bag which he purchased.

He signed the note, but as there was no change in the shop till, witness sent a foki out to a money-changer. The note was refused. The defendant waited in the shop until the foki returned and then suggested that, as he had no other money with him, they should send the bag to Wanchai and collect payment. Whilst the foki went to change the note, defendant made no attempt to escape.

District Watchman, No. 63, said the note was tendered to him by the last witness.

Mr. Hamilton (to defendant):—The case against you is this:—You went into a shop and ordered a bag which cost \$10. You produced a \$50 note, which has now been proved to be false. You had no other money to pay for it and you asked for the bag to be sent to Wanchai so that payment could be made on delivery. The suspicious thing is that you had nothing else in your possession other than this \$50 note, and you are not the sort of man to have that amount of currency. On the other hand, it is in your favour that you did wait in the shop. How did you get the note? That is the sort of thing you will have to explain.

The defendant:—I picked it up in Wing Lok Street. I am a fruit hawker.

Sergeant Ritchie said the man told the police he was unemployed, and at first gave a fictitious address. He now said that he slept in the streets.

The Magistrate:—Why did you tell the police you were unemployed?—No reply.

Why did you want a bag that cost \$10?—No reply.

I put it to you that you bought that bag just to change the \$50 note?—The defendant did not answer.

Later the defendant said that he picked the note up on Friday last and did not tender it until Monday morning.

The Magistrate:—If, as you say, you sleep in the streets, and picked that note up on Friday, you would, if you were an honest man, have changed it straight away so that you could get yourself some decent lodging. Instead of which, you wait three days and then you buy a bag. Convicted on both charges.

Sergeant Ritchie said there was nothing known about the man, and, in reply to a question by the Magistrate, said some time ago there were 18 such notes as that one seized in the same district.

Mr. Hamilton:—I can't believe this man's story; it is quite incredible. It is quite possible that he did pick up this note, but if he were an honest man he would go straight away to the money-changer and change it. Six months' hard labour on each charge, concurrent.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone now covers North China and Korea. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy and misty; probably improving.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY DISPUTE.**GOVERNMENT CORRECTS THE PRESIDENT.****SERIOUS SITUATION.**

New Delhi, Jan. 20. The Assembly re-opened this morning. Only 73 out of 145 members were present owing to the decision of the Congress to boycott the legislature.

The attendance in the public galleries was very thin. Seventeen Nationalists occupied the vacant Swarajist seats. Pandit Malaviya took Motilal Nehru's seat as leader of the Opposition.

The President, Mr. Patel, opened the proceedings by announcing a "very serious situation" owing to differences between the Government of India and Chief Commissioner at Delhi and himself, over the question of controlling the admission of visitors to the Assembly. Mr. Patel read a letter from Sir James Crerar saying the Governor General in Council had decided that the Government must take the final responsibility for protective measures, and offering to meet Mr. Patel before the Assembly to discuss the question.

Mr. Patel declared that the Chief Commissioner's orders were in deliberate defiance of his orders. He then ordered all the galleries to be cleared except the press gallery, and said no further passes would be issued. He also refused to allow Sir James Crerar to speak. Mr. Patel's order was loudly applauded by the Opposition.

The Assembly unanimously passed a resolution congratulating Lord Irwin on his miraculous escape from the dastardly attempt on his life. Mr. Patel associating himself with the speeches expressing horror at the crime.—*Reuter.*

Emergency Meeting.

Following an emergency meeting of the Executive Council, the Government of India has issued a statement claiming that it is directly responsible for the protection of the members of the Assembly and visitors to the Assembly.

The President's power regulating the admission of visitors does not in any way replace the Government's responsibility in this matter. The President's action in passing orders on this question was therefore in excess of his legal powers.

The possibility of a motion of censure is now being discussed and there are indications that if it eventuates, the Nationalists and the Independents will back Mr. Patel even to the extent of resigning membership in protest. The Centre, the Moslems and the Europeans will undoubtedly support the Government.

It is apprehended that the situation will adversely affect the prospects of the proposed Round-Table Conference.—*Reuter.*

GIRLS' COLLEGE.**LADY CLEMENTI TO GIVE AWAY PRIZES.**

The Yuen Chung Girl's College at No. 40 Caine Road, cordially invites the parents, guardians and friends of its pupils to the graduation exercises to be held at the Ko Sing Theatre on Thursday, 23rd January. Lady Clementi has consented to give away the prizes.

The Faculty takes pleasure in announcing that eleven girls have satisfactorily completed the Middle Course in Chinese, and over thirty the Higher Primary Course.

The Yuen Chung College was opened in Hongkong six years ago, by Miss Cheung Yuk-mui, the Headmistress, and many other Chinese ladies. It is now a very big school, having an average daily attendance of over six hundred pupils throughout the year. There are different sections from Kindergarten up to Middle School. These results, achieved within such a short space of time, are noteworthy.

THE BITER BIT.**SEVEN MONTHS' JAIL FOR HOUSEBREAKER.**

Charges of house breaking and of assaulting an Indian sergeant were brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was alleged to have been found in 74, Wai Ching Street at 4 a.m. Sunday and when chased he rushed into the street where he was stopped by an Indian sergeant. During a struggle he bit the sergeant's finger. The defendant was given seven months' hard labour on the two charges.

The formal opening of the Yung Wa College, Mongkok, will take place on Friday next, at 11 a.m. H. E. the Governor officiating.

ALLEGED THREATS TO KILL.**SERIOUS CASE AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.****CARGO INCIDENT.**

Serious charges of using threats with a view to preventing a vegetable dealer and others from unloading cargo from a junk, were preferred against two Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. A station coole of the Kowloon Fire Brigade was also before his Worship on a charge of obstructing the police in the execution of their duty.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, Jr., defended.

Detective Sergeant Fitches, who prosecuted, explained the case to his Worship. He mentioned that the complainant's wife was intimidated and asked to join an unlawful society, while later the man's brother was threatened and assaulted. When the complainant was about to unload a cargo of vegetables, the first and second defendants threatened that the junk master or any others who unloaded the cargo would be killed by certain firemen. The complainant immediately went to the Police Station, but on returning to the vicinity with the police it was found that the defendants and the master of the junk had gone to a tea house.

The detectives made a search for them and later found them in a tea house. There was quite a crowd of people present and the two defendants were arrested. The third defendant interfered with the officers by trying to prevent them from arresting the first two men. He was also arrested.

The sergeant also stated that the junk master had been approached and threatened not to give evidence against the defendants. For this reason the man was anxious to leave the Colony.

After his evidence had been taken the case was adjourned.

STUPID TRICK.**VALUABLE WOOD CHOPPED UP BY THIEVES.**

Two Chinese, one a lad of 16, were charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stealing eight pieces of camphor wood from Yuen Chai Street.

The defendants were said to have taken the wood to the hillside and there chopped it into small pieces. The wood was stated to be very valuable, the eight pieces being worth \$50.

The first defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour and the boy to 10 strokes of the cane.

STOLE FROM FRIEND.**OLD OFFENDER SENTENCED.**

Pleading guilty to a charge of receiving a quantity of clothing valued at \$30, the property of an amah employed at 2, Jordan Road, a married woman who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was sentenced to four months' hard labour. The defendant had been sentenced to two months' hard labour last year. It was stated that the accused was in the habit of visiting the complainant and on the things being missed her house was searched, the clothing being found in her cubicle.

MR. BALDWIN ON EMPIRE.**A LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF OUR OWN.****BIG RESPONSIBILITY.**

London, Jan. 20.

Mr. Baldwin, the Conservative ex-Premier, speaking at his installation as Lord Rector of Glasgow University to-day, said it might well be that in the future, near or distant, the changes that had taken place within the British Empire overseas, would most affect the world.

Our great Dominions had become autonomous. They were, in every respect, equal partners with the Mother Country, the link being the Crown and not Parliament.

British India was making her first steps on the road, which in the fulness of time was to lead her to self-government.

We found ourselves to-day in a world where the most civilised nations ardently desired peace. They had endeavoured, not without success, to bind nations into a League.

In that League were included all the component parts of the British Empire, and that Empire represented a League of Nations of their own, which kept peace over a quarter of the globe itself and amongst a quarter of its inhabitants.

On us, declared Mr. Baldwin, lies a responsibility greater than has been laid on any other country, for we have not only to learn to govern ourselves, but to show many races alien from us in language, custom and tradition how to apply our methods of self-government to their own people.—*British Wireless.*

PRES. MCKINLEY INCIDENT.**NO DISTRESS SIGNALS SENT OUT.**

With regard to the report which appeared in our issue of yesterday to the effect that the U.S. President McKinley sent out distress signals in the early hours of Friday morning, following the supposed discovery of pirates on board, we are informed by the local office of the Company that this was not correct.

What actually happened was that the master of the vessel, in the interests of shipping, sent out a radio on the day named to the local office of the Company advising that the action of a Chinese junk off the China Coast led him to believe that there were pirates aboard this junk, and he suggested that the Hongkong police be notified.

At no time was there any attempted piracy on the liner, and at no time did the vessel send out any distress signal. We regret that our report conveyed a wrong impression of the actual facts.

BOY WITH OPIUM.**LIGHTER PENALTY THAN USUAL IMPOSED.**

Arrested in Canton Road, near the Mongkok Market with 14 taels of prepared opium in his possession, a young Chinese was fined \$200 or a month's hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

His Worship remarked that he would take the defendant's youth into consideration and make the penalty lighter than he would otherwise have done.

RECENT KOWLOON BURGLARY.**GOODS STOLEN FROM TWO RESIDENCES.****COURT SENTENCES.**

The recent burglary at No. 1, Aimal Villas, the residence of Mrs. M. B. Costello had a sequel before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese named Ip Kam appeared on charges of stealing three woollen blankets, one leather bag, one cigarette case, one cigarette holder, one brass ornament and one electric torch and of stealing two woollen sweaters, one felt hat and one camera, the property of Mr. F. W. T. Ross, of No. 2, Aimal Villas.

The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Detective Sergeant Kellett informed his Worship that the burglary was committed sometime between 7 p.m. on January 14 and 2 a.m. on January 15. The defendant entered the house through the back window, which was open at the time. The arrest of the defendant was effected through a small boy who had taken the blankets to pawn. It was while the lad was pawning a sweater stolen from Mr. Ross that he was caught and, when questioned, assisted the police to arrest the defendant.

The burglary at Mr. Ross's residence was committed on Saturday night, admittance being gained through an open window, after the defendant had climbed over the verandah.

It was stated that the value of property stolen from Mrs. Costello was \$50 and that taken from Mr. Ross \$60.

The defendant was also charged with returning from banishment, having been deported for ten years in January, 1925, after three previous convictions for stealing and one for returning from banishment.

On the banishment charge, his Worship passed sentence of twelve months' hard labour and twenty-four strokes of the birch. On each of the larceny counts, sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed, the terms to all to run concurrently.

Boy Charged.

The boy, Chan Wing, who was mentioned as having pawned the part of the stolen property was produced before his Worship on charge of unlawfully pawning two woollen blankets belonging to Mrs. Costello and of attempting to pawn a woollen sweater, the property of Mr. Ross.

In answer to the charge, the defendant said the articles were given to him to pawn by Ip Kam, the defendant in the last case.

His Worship:—The point is, what reason had you to believe that the defendant in the last case had got them honestly?

Defendant:—I didn't know how he got them.

His Worship:—You will have to give me a better explanation. Do you know him well? Why should he give you things to pawn?

Defendant:—I have known him for about ten days.

His Worship:—And what were you given to pawn the property?

Defendant:—He promised to give me a few ten cents to buy tea.

His Worship:—You must have known perfectly well that the property was stolen?

Defendant:—When he handed these over to me they were wrapped up in newspaper. I didn't look inside when he told me to pawn them.

Detective Sergeant Kellett intimated that anybody could see that the sweater belonged to a European.

His Worship (to defendant):—You could not have thought that that belonged to the last defendant?

Defendant:—As I said, they were wrapped in newspaper when I got them.

His Worship:—Your explanation is entirely unsatisfactory. You will receive twelve strokes of the cane, six on each charge.

Another Offender.

A third man appeared before his Worship in connexion with the affair, he being charged with receiving the cigarette case knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained. The defendant said the case had been given to him by Ip Kam as a present.

His Worship:—Well, where do you think Ip Kam had got it?

Defendant:—I don't know. I am a servant at a mah-jongg house and he came to play. He gave me the case as a present.

His Worship held the explanation to be unsatisfactory, and registered a conviction, the defendant being sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The Water Authority advertise that during the Chinese New Year Holidays (January 28, 29 and 30), a constant supply of water will be turned on in all Elder Main Districts.

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A NOVEL BOXING TOURNAMENT.

LT. CHRISTIAN TO FIGHT EWIN OF THE KENT.

SERVICES TO BATTLE.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Hongkong Boxing Association are holding their second tournament of the season—at rather short notice—on Saturday next, and the occasion has been made one for a novel type of programme, taking the form of a duel between the Army and the Navy.

There will be eight contests, all of six rounds, under the rules of the Imperial Services Boxing Association, which holds, with good reasoning, that if contestants are really fighting they cannot be expected to go more than six rounds. It is in this spirit that the contests have been arranged. The contestants will be expected to fight from the sound of the going in Round One.

Outstanding Event.

The outstanding event will be the meeting of Lieutenant C. G. H. Christian, of the Royal Artillery, and Able Seaman Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent.

Unknown to the vast majority of the Hongkong sporting public, the Colony has been sheltering a former middleweight champion of the I.S.B.A. in Lieutenant Christian and since Ewin also claims a similar honour, a really good fight should be witnessed. Ewin's abilities are very well known, and no doubt considerable interest will be shown in the manner in which Lieutenant Christian shapes in the ring with such a formidable opponent.

The remainder of the contests should provide good sport. It is not claimed that the boxers in all cases represent the best material available in the rival Services, but the matching in each case has been made with the definite object of providing as even a contest as possible.

The Programme.

The full programme is appended:

Bantamweights.

Pte. Pierce (S.L.I.) v. Ord.Smn. Evans (Kent).
L/C. Palmer (K.O.S.B.) v. A. B. Rawlings (Hermes).

Lightweights.

Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) v. Stoker Harley (Kent).
Corpl. Herston (S.L.I.) v. A. B. Rawlings (Hermes).

Welterweights.

L/C. Woodhouse (S.L.I.) v. A. B. Trimming (Hermes).

Middleweights.

Lt. Christian (R.A.) v. A. B. Ewin (Kent).
Pte. Baulch (S.L.I.) v. Marine Woolford (Hermes).

Light-heavyweight.

Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) v. L.S. Irwin (Kent).

GARRISON NEWS.

CHINA FLEET LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCHES.

Three football matches were played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. In a China Fleet Football League Match a draw of two goals each resulted from the meeting of Herald and Sterling. Teams: Herald—Lewis, Hiley, Hudson; Merwood, Sumner, Hannaford; Townsend, French, Pollard, Hocking, Wren. Sterling—Darrell, Tucker, McCabe; Johns, Edwards, Nicol; Beechley, McKellar, Palmer, Dorrian, Lock.

Bruce v Thracian. Another China Fleet Football League match resulted in a win by two goals to one for Bruce against Thracian. The Bruce eleven played good football from the start, and were better in all departments than Thracian. Teams: Bruce—Barnes, Millar, Parr; Palmer, Horner, Grubb; Hawes, Pearson, Potts, Joyner, Barrett. Thracian—Pearson; Hayes, Sloan; Clark, Baker, Nelson; Davis, Brady, Ward, Skeets, Stratford.

H.M.S. Kent Match. In the Inter-Part League of H.M.S. Kent, the Stokers "A" won by five goals to one from the Signals and Telegraphists. The game was a little slow to start with, though the Stokers seemed the better side. The play improved as the first half drew on, and the Stokers scored four of their goals, through Stevenson (2), Gower and Campbell, before the change-over. The Signals bettered their performance in the second half, and Romshey opened their score. Both he and the Stokers' keeper became casualties as the result of a collision as the goal was scored, and Campbell added a fifth goal for the Stokers shortly before the end.

FANLING GOLF.

TIE IN THE BOGEY POOL.

In the Bogey Pool at Fanling, during the week-end, there was a tie between Lieut. A.H. Alexander and K.S. Robertson, who finished one down.

Other scores were:—L.H. Gear, 2 down; and W.C. Shields, 3 down. There were nineteen entries. The play off in the tie for the Captain's Cup for January, resulted in T. C. Monaghan qualifying.

FLYWEIGHT TITLE.

FRANKIE GENARO BEATS FRENCH CONTENDER.

Paris, Jan. 20. Frankie Genaro (America) has retained the world's flyweight championship, Yvonne Troadic (France) retiring in the twelfth round of a fifteen round contest here.—Reuter.

SETTLING THE POINT IN GOLF.



The Lost Ball.

There is only one procedure to be followed where the ball becomes lost. The player must go back to the spot where the preceding stroke was played and play another ball, counting the previous stroke and adding one more as penalty. In other words if the ball was lost on the tee shot the player would be playing three.

In ordinary, friendly matches, however, this is rarely done, though it is required in tournament play. The usual procedure is to drop a ball as nearly as possible to where the other was lost, and play from there, counting a stroke for the lost ball.

This is the rule at Deepwater Bay, where a second ball may never be played from the same place. In serious golf, where the second ball is played from the original position, a ball would be dropped on the fairway or in the rough—or teed up if lost from the tee.

BOXING CITY HALL

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Bantamweight
Pte. Pierce v O.S. Evans
S.L.I. H.M.S. Kent

Light-Heavyweight
Pte. Woolley v L.S. Irwin
K.O.S.B. H.M.S. Kent

Middleweight
Pte. Baulch v Marine Woolford
S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes

Lightweight
Pte. Hume v Stoker Harley
K.O.S.B. H.M.S. Kent

Welterweight
L/C. Woodhouse v A.B. Trimming
S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes

Lightweight
Corpl. Herston v O.S. Scott
S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes

Middleweight Contest
Lt. O.G.H. Christian v A.B. Ewin
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ADDRESS TO JURY.

The trial of Mr. Noel Instone, Brewer, barrister, of Hongkong, and formerly President of the Instone Banking Corporation, was commenced before Mr. Justice Wood and a jury at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. S. H. Ross, chartered accountant, said he had examined the books of the bank. He was handed a copy of the Statutory Report and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy pointed out that the total amount of cash received by the company in respect of shares issued wholly for cash was \$876,750 according to the report. He asked if Mr. Ross could say how much cash was actually received?

Witness said that that amount agreed with the books. In reply to other questions, witness explained that according to the cash book the sum of \$376,750 was received on account of shares, but of that sum only \$48,650 was in actual cash.

Later, his Lordship asked:—What do you mean by saying that \$48,000 is actually cash?—It appears to be either cash or cheques.

What you really mean to say is that \$300,000 is not cash?—Yes.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Was the company ever in a position to make loans of seven and a half lakhs or anything near it?—No.

In reply to a question by Mr. Fitzroy as to how much actual cash the company had received in June, witness said that \$46,987 was received during June and also \$17,650, making a total of \$64,637.

Mr. Fitzroy:—What was the amount of cash shown to be in hand on June 12?—\$9,330.

Mr. Fitzroy asked witness if he had been able to trace all the applications for loans, to which he replied he had not got applications for all loans.

Mr. Fitzroy:—I think, also, the books show that entries for loans and calls in advance of capital are made on the same date—cross-entries are for the same day?—Yes.

Now, as regards these loans which you have told us are nearly seven and a half lakhs, did that include \$482,000 to Mrs. Brewer?—Yes.

Mr. Brewer Cross-Examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brewer, witness said he did not know if he was placed in possession of all applications for loans, that remained unpaid.

Have you checked them against the documents?—No.

Then when you said you are not in receipt of all the loan applications you do not mean it. You do not know if you haven't checked them?—I don't think I said I was not in receipt of all the loan applications. I said I have seen applications for certain of these loans, but I have not seen applications for all the loans on this list.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said that loans appeared to have been made to other people in the books but so far he had not found the applications.

Mr. Brewer:—When you took over as special manager you received all loan applications?—All the loan applications that were at the bank.

Did you not check them over with the accounts of the bank to see that all were there?—Not then. I got a list of the people.

As soon as you received the list did you not check it over?—I don't

think so but I have checked it since.

Documents Checked.

You checked over those documents against people who owed the company money?—Yes.

If there is any person who owes the company money by reason of a loan and you did not find the document there, you would have made a note of it?—No, not necessarily.

Can you tell me one person who owed the company money in respect of these loans you have not got?—I haven't got a list of the people who are owing money now as the question has not arisen.

As special manager of the liquidation, was it not your duty to see that the documents of the persons owing money were present and in order?—Yes.

They were handed over to you by the former liquidators. Did you not check them, to see they were in order when they were handed over to you?—I don't think I did at the time. I think I handed them over to the Official Receiver.

Have you since found them not to be in order and documents missing that should be there in these loan application forms?—I cannot say off-hand but I don't think I have.

Names of Debtors.

Can you give me the name of a single person who owed money to the company whose application for a loan you are not in possession of?—

Witness:—Who owe money to the company now?—Yes.

Witness:—I shall have to go into another list.

Mr. Brewer:—Go into any list you like but give me the name of someone whose document you have not got.

After a short interval, witness gave the following names. Lui Shiu-hing, Lui Hing, Yu Kee-man, Fan Yik-wan, Kwong-Ling-shi and R. A. Starling.

His Lordship:—These six persons had outstanding loans and you could find no applications?—Yes.

Mr. Brewer:—Would you mind looking up the loan ledger and see the name of R. A. Starling. How much is he owing to the firm?—He owes nothing now.

When you obtained these applications for loans from the voluntary liquidators, you say you made no check whatever as to whether they agreed with the amount outstanding?—No, I made no list.

When you received these they were kept in a safe deposit vault as valuable documents?—I think they were.

Loans Reduced.

And you did not make a list identifying what you had received?—No.

On the Statutory Report these loans are given at the figure of \$761,000?—Yes.

A little over a year later, at the time of the balance sheet, they were reduced to \$349,630?—Yes.

His Lordship:—Does that mean to say that in the meantime cash payments for the difference had been received?—The books show that this has been paid off in some way or another.

Mr. Brewer:—I put it to you further that since the date of the balance sheet, April, 1928, still further cash payments have been made on these loans, reducing them to a smaller amount?—I haven't investigated since April.

You cannot say it is not so?—No, but I think you are right.

His Lordship:—Can you tell us how much, within limits?—No.

Mr. Brewer:—Are you aware Mr. Ross, that in the case of Yu Kee-man, judgment was obtained by the firm for the amount outstanding on this loan?—No, I

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BREWER BEFORE COURT.

(Continued from Page 9.)

don't know. I am not the special manager or the liquidator.
Mr. Brewer:—You are not the special manager?—No.
I'm sorry. I misunderstood. You were appointed special manager?—Yes, but only for two or three weeks.

Consistent Treatment.

Would you say that these loans had been treated consistently throughout the books as if they were actually debts due to the company?—Yes.

Can you say that the interest payments due on these loans were duly and properly entered up in the books of the company?—No, I don't think so. I don't think I can agree with the method.

Were these interest payments regularly entered up to the debit of the individual in respect of the loans?—As a general rule interest has been charged on these loans.

Have you found any loan on which interest has not been charged?—No, I haven't because I should not look. I have not concerned myself with interest in investigating these books. It is a small matter and there are many other things.

But do you know, as a matter of book-keeping, the system that interest has been entered up?—Yes, as far as I know.

And in some cases these loans have been extinguished, principal and interest?—In the books, yes.

Have you any reason to believe that these entries are fictitious or false or that payments purporting to be for interest were not in fact paid?—I cannot accept the cash book as being a proper record of the company's transactions.

Not Cash Transactions.

Have you any other reason for saying you cannot accept our cash book but prejudice?—Yes. The items that have gone through the cash book are, to my mind, not cash transactions.

Witness said that in one case a comrade paid \$45,000 in cash according to the book. He found it very hard to believe that the money was actually paid in cash although he did not know whether it was so or not.

Mr. Brewer:—You say you will not believe our cash book because you dislike the way it is done?—Yes.

Is there anything in these transactions in the cash book that you don't like which is antagonistic to the explanations given in the public examination?—No.

Witness agreed that the cash book was consistent with the explanations given by Mr. Brewer.

Definition of Cash.

Mr. Brewer:—We have had, once or twice, the question brought up as to what is cash. I am going to put it to you that the correct definition of cash is "coin or the right to command coin." Would you accept that as a sound definition of cash?—I don't think I am in a position to define cash.

But in your opinion, is that a fair definition?
His Lordship remarked that that was a matter for the jury.
Re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said the chief item accounting for the reduction of the loans was the repayment of the loan of \$432,000 to Mrs. Brewer. He could not say what other reductions there were apart from that unless he went through the books.

Witness agreed with his Lordship that that was merely a reversal of the original entry. He explained that it should have gone through the cash book but, in fact, it did not.

Mr. Ross was questioned by His Lordship and Mr. Brewer regarding the sum of \$405,000 paid into the Instone Banking Corporation. This amount, he said was entered in the journal as a cash entry and was paid out the same day to the Instone Trading Company. It was clearly a cash entry.

Mr. Brewer's Address.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ross's evidence, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that he had concluded the Crown case. Mr. Brewer then requested that Mr. P. C. Leo be called as a witness for the defence, as he was not being used by the Crown. His Lordship agreed, and Mr. Leo will appear to-day. Mr. Brewer then said that he would like to make a statement that the Crown had made out no case to go to the jury.

His Lordship:—I will hear you, but I don't think it is much use.
Mr. Brewer then referred His Lordship to several legal precedents which dealt with cases of a similar nature to that of the present one.

His Lordship:—Yes, I know of those, Mr. Brewer, but you must know that the matter is one for the jury.

Mr. Brewer:—This is a perjury charge, my Lord, so that there ought to be two witnesses against me. The books themselves are not evidence.

His Lordship:—I don't think I quite understand your point.

Mr. Brewer then addressed the jury, outlining his defence, and continued until the court rose just before 4 p.m.

It was, he said, a case of perjury on the ground that a false statement had been made out. It would be necessary for the Crown to prove that that statement was made by the accused with the knowledge that it was a fraudulent one.

The charge was laid under the Perjury Ordinance of 1922, which laid it down that a person making a statement not under oath was equally guilty with one who made a statement under oath. It must be proved that the statement was made when the person making it knew it to be false, materially false, and made it with a fraudulent intent.

Tapping the sheets before him, Mr. Brewer said that it was a point of the defence that the loans had been treated as cash. They had been treated consistently as cash, and any statement which returned them as other than cash would have been a false one.

His Own Name.

At his public examination, continued Mr. Brewer, he had given the fullest possible explanation regarding the loans, and had treated them as cash transactions with consistency, as the Banking Corporation had always done.

The jury would have evidence that the books of the Corporation were kept in a regular and clear fashion and on a good system. They would also have evidence that the books were not kept secretly, and that the directors had every possible access to them. The people to whom the report had been sent could also have had access to the books, in fact they were the very people who could have had it.

To prove fraudulent intent it would be necessary to prove that the company itself had been formed with the intention of committing fraud. It would be evidence that the man who formed it gave it his own name. They would be asked if a man would give a company his own name if he knew that it would become a byword throughout the Colony.

Men of Standing.

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Instone Brewer, he said, had such faith in his directors that he allowed his own wife to become responsible for a huge amount, with no other security than a letter from those directors that the loans would be met.

They would be asked to deduce whether Instone Brewer, if he had not believed that those men would have met the loans the bank granted them, would he have allowed his own wife to do what she had done? If he had such trust in them would he not have regarded their notes as binding?

Mr. Brewer then concluded his statement on the adjournment of the Court.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

ADMIRAL TYRWHITT SUCCEEDS ADMIRAL SINCLAIR.

London, Jan. 20.

Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt will succeed Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, as Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, on May 16.—British Wireless.

LAND SALE.

POOR BIDDING AT YESTERDAY'S AUCTION.

Bidding was very slow at the Crown Land Office yesterday afternoon when two lots of Crown land on the peninsula were put up for public auction. One failed to attract any bidding and was sold at the upset price while the other fared better, being sold after ten bids of \$100 each.

Situated at Mongkoktsui adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2200, Tung Choi Street, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2296, with an area of approximately 9,486 square feet, was sold to Mr. J. Guerin for the upset price of \$17,075.

The other lot is known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1299 and adjoins New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 592, On Yau Street, having an area of approximately 5,400 square feet. Bidding commenced at \$5,400 and the lot was eventually sold to Messrs. Ip Yick and Lu Cheuk-nam for \$6,400.

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Foreign investigators returning to Harbin from a trip to Manchuria state that Chinese troops are gradually returning to the West. They have at present reached Hailar, which city is stated to have

suffered terribly from the hands of retreating Chinese troops last year, when it will be recalled, Chinese troops looted and then burned the city before retreating in face of the Russian advance. Investigators state that the damage is estimated at \$15,000,000. Mongols Want Autonomy.
The Barga Mongols are stated to be negotiating with the Helungkiang authorities in Tsitsihar. The Mongols desire autonomy but

up to the present they have not declared their independence. The railway is running satisfactorily between Harbin and Manchuli although the track is in bad condition in some places. 18,000 Chinese troops who surrendered to the Russians in the Manchuli and Chulan regions last November have been set free now at Manchuli. They are reported to have been "stuffed full with Communist propaganda."—Reuter.

Avenging Parrot by Anne Austin

CHAPTER XLVII.

The answer to the telegram to Chauncey Smith, Optician, Riverside, California, came at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, bringing a new lustre to eyes heavy with doubt and sleeplessness. And thereafter, for 12 hours, no one could have accused Bonnie Dundee, novice detective, of being a lazy man, or one incapable of moving his long legs swiftly.

Among his activities was the filing in person of long telegrams at his own expense, so that their contents and the information they elicited would not become the property of any curious mind at Police Headquarters.

Four times that busy day a telephone messenger rang the Rhodes House bell, and three times Dundee was awaiting him to snatch the envelope with avid fingers. When a telegram came about three, however, it was Mrs. Rhodes who accepted the message, having been warned to guard it with her life until the addressee returned from a momentous interview.

He came back accompanied by a keen-eyed, sharp-faced young man, who had been getting his daily dozen during a heated hour with Dundee by alternately nodding and shaking his head with great vigour. A most opinionated young man, but one who undoubtedly knew his stuff. One, too, who asked no annoying questions when he saw an excited detective committing unlawful entry by means of a most efficient skeleton key.

"Look at this!" Dundee cried excitedly, when the door of another man's room had closed upon the two. And he handed over the message which Mrs. Rhodes had signed for. "I guess that clinches it, doesn't it? You said if he'd had that training, he could do it!"

"Hm," said the head-shaker-and-nodder, but nodding this time. And then he got busy, uttering "Hmms" and "Well, wells," interlarded with occasional sharp exclamations of admiration.

Finally he arose, dusted his hands and conceded: "You were right! But there's one thing missing," and he proceeded to describe it minutely.

"I'll find it," Dundee promised rashly, exuberantly. Can't fail now. Well, what do you say? If I do find it—and I will, somehow—what do you want to do, so that I can pull off my party?"

"Work here most of the day tomorrow, if the coast is clear," the keen-eyed, sharp-faced young man answered.

"The coast will be clear, all right," Dundee promised.

The first thing Dundee did when he was alone again in his own room on the third floor of the Rhodes House was to call police headquarters. Two minutes later Sergeant Turner's voice vibrated harshly against his eardrum.

"Dundee speaking, Sergeant. Yes, pretty busy. Listen, Sergeant, and this is more important than I can possibly tell you: I want you to detail one of your best men to shadow Miss Jewel Briggs. He's not to let her out of his sight a minute during the day, and tonight I want him stationed in the vacant room directly across from Jewel's. Furthermore, please instruct one of the men patrolling the Rhodes House grounds to keep an eye on Jewel's window."

"That makes three men you've got tied up, besides the two on the grounds," Turner grumbled. "What—?"

After skillfully evading the curious but scuffling sergeant's questions, Dundee hung up the receiver, cast a loving eye upon some apparently uninteresting items from the Rhodes House trash bags, then locked them up and went down to the basement again to see if he could add to them.

As he borrowed the old-fashioned padlock key from Mrs. Rhodes, who was alone in her bed-sitting-room at the time, he noticed that she was studying an extremely legal-looking document.

"Thanks, Mother, Rhodes. What's the heavy literature?"

"A deed. I'm selling the Rhodes House," she informed him stiffly. "Getting a good price, too. They're going to use the site for an apartment house. In a few weeks there won't be any 'Murder Mansion,' she added bitterly.

"But what am I and the rest of us pumpered boarders going to do?"

"I'm thinking of buying a house four blocks further down Chestnut, and opening again about the first of September, if you really want to stay with me," the landlady answered brusquely, but there were tears in her eyes.

"Want to? Just try to get rid of me," Dundee retorted, and hugged her close for a moment before dashing down to the basement. He knew that what he was looking for could not be far down in the unfiled trash bag, if it was there at all, which he doubted. His pessimism was justified. Empty-handed, he plodded slowly upstairs;

then, seized with a sudden inspiration, he halted in the second floor hall, took out his skeleton key, and again effected unlawful entry.

Ten minutes later he had the keen-eyed, sharp-faced young man on the phone was exulting: "Found it! And you'd never guess where! See you in the morning about half past nine." O. K.?

And once more he made a demand upon Mrs. Rhodes: "Leave me got such a thing as a small-size phonograph record? The kind they make nursery rhymes on?"

"I know where I can get one. Dr. Weeks had a whole book of them for his grandchild."

"Great!" Dundee hugged her again. "Send Tilda up with it as soon as possible, and you might lend me a needle and some white thread, too."

"If you've got any mending to do, I guess I can do it for you," she assured him.

"Your stitches would be far too neat!" he refused gaily, "but I'll remember your offer when I cast a button!"

"Well, how are you coming on?" Lieutenant Strawn greeted his newest recruit rather sourly at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

"You'd be surprised!" Dundee grinned. "Is it all fixed up with the district attorney to keep the boarders tied up all afternoon in his office? I'll wreck my pins if they buzz around the house this anti-holiday."

"I'll keep 'em busy, quizzing 'em about Savier and the Hagarth case, all right," Strawn promised. "But I'd like to know what the devil you're up to anyway. Seems to me you're either lying down on the job or being damned mysterious."

"The latter, chief, though I'm not being mysterious just for the fun of the thing," Dundee assured him. "There really isn't much to tell yet, though I haven't been lazy. The truth is, I've got a pot on the fire which I'd like you to bring to a boil for me tonight."

"How?"

For 10 minutes Dundee explained without, however, giving away to his chief the contents of the pot which he hoped would boil over that evening. It was not an easy task, but he left Police Headquarters with Lieutenant Strawn's unwilling and puzzled promise of assistance.

At five minutes to eight that Saturday evening Bonnie Dundee was preening as much surprise and indignation as any other boarder when Lieutenant Strawn, assisted by Detectives Payne and Wilkins, brusquely ordered all inmates of the Rhodes House to the second floor.

"Where is he going to hold the meeting?" Dundee heard Norma Lange quaver. "In Mrs. Hogarth's room?"

Strawn himself answered the question by commanding curtly: "Open your door, Styles. . . Oh, it's not locked. . . Come in, everybody and make yourselves comfortable."

"I fall to see why my room was chosen if you want us to make our selves comfortable," Walter Styles retorted angrily. "It's too small!"

"Bring some chairs, boys," Strawn ordered the two plain-clothesmen. "Five or six. The others can sit on the bed."

When his order had been carried out and the Rhodes House residents had seated themselves, he looked about the small room sternly. "Everyone here. Answer to your names, please." He consulted a slip of paper: "Mrs. Caroline Rhodes, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sharp, Miss Norma Paige, Mr. Walter Styles, Mr. Henry Dowd, Mr. Herbert S. Magnus, Mr. James Dundee, Miss Jewel Briggs, Miss Daisy Shepherd, Miss Matilda Brown. . . Is that everyone who belongs in the house, Mrs. Rhodes?"

"All but the cook, and you said she could go home," Mrs. Rhodes answered.

Dowd, Magnus and Dundee had seated themselves on the bed, which was along the wall in which the door was set. The door was open. The others occupied chairs, Walter sitting with his arm about Norma's shoulders.

"I shall not keep you long, folks," Lieutenant Strawn began from his position beside the open doorway. "The first is, I want you to about me. Truth is, I must tell you just some new evidence that has just come to light. Five years ago a Mrs. Emma Harkness and her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Thomas Griffin, fled from their home in Belton, Missouri, a few hours before the police were notified that Griffin, the son-in-law and husband, had robbed the bank in which he worked of \$10,000. Griffin was never caught, and for five years young Mrs. Griffin lived in New York under the name of Sally Graves, and Mrs. Harkness lived in this house as Mrs. Emma Hogarth. On June 2, Sally Graves or Griffin was murdered. On June 29 Mrs. Harkness, or Hogarth, was strangled to death

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in this house. In the early morning of July 3 Cora Barker was also murdered by strangulation."

Lieutenant Strawn paused, his face stoled, as exclamations, shudders and half-uttered questions filled the room. Dundee glanced at the two men sitting beside him. Neither face betrayed anything but horrified surprise.

Lieutenant Strawn went on: "I have reason to believe that Dan Griffin committed all three of these fiendish crimes, and that he is or has been a boarder in this house!"

"Wait!" he commanded sharply. "Let me describe him. Five years ago Dan Griffin was 30 years old, of medium height and build, with light brown or reddish blonde hair, light eyes of hazel or grey; was neither handsome nor ugly, but of extremely ordinary appearance. I'm asking you now, and I want you to consider carefully before answering: Is such a man known to any of you, either as a present boarder, a former boarder, or as a transient 'mealer' in this house?"

The question was such a bomb-shell that it was greeted with profound silence. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Walter Styles and Daisy Shepherd craned their heads to cast fearful, speculative glances at Henry Dowd. But no one spoke.

As the horror-laden silence throbbed on, Dundee raised his handkerchief to his brow, as if to wipe away cold beads of perspiration. A shadow which had lain across the floor outside the open door wavered, disappeared.

A few seconds later, when that silence was becoming too terrible a thing to be borne, it was broken by the tap, tap, tap of a typewriter.

With a hoarse oath Bert Magnus sprang from the bed, lunged toward the typewriter. "Who the hell is using my typewriter?" he snarled thickly.

The shadow of a man again lay across the open door, as Dundee followed the enraged scenario-writer who was plunging toward the door of the next room. The tap, tap, tap went steadily on.

As Bert Magnus went to the knob, Dundee hid his hand upon his shoulder.

"Griffin, there is no one in your room now, just as there was no one in there last Saturday night when your mother-in-law was being murdered. No one but—the perfect stenographer!"

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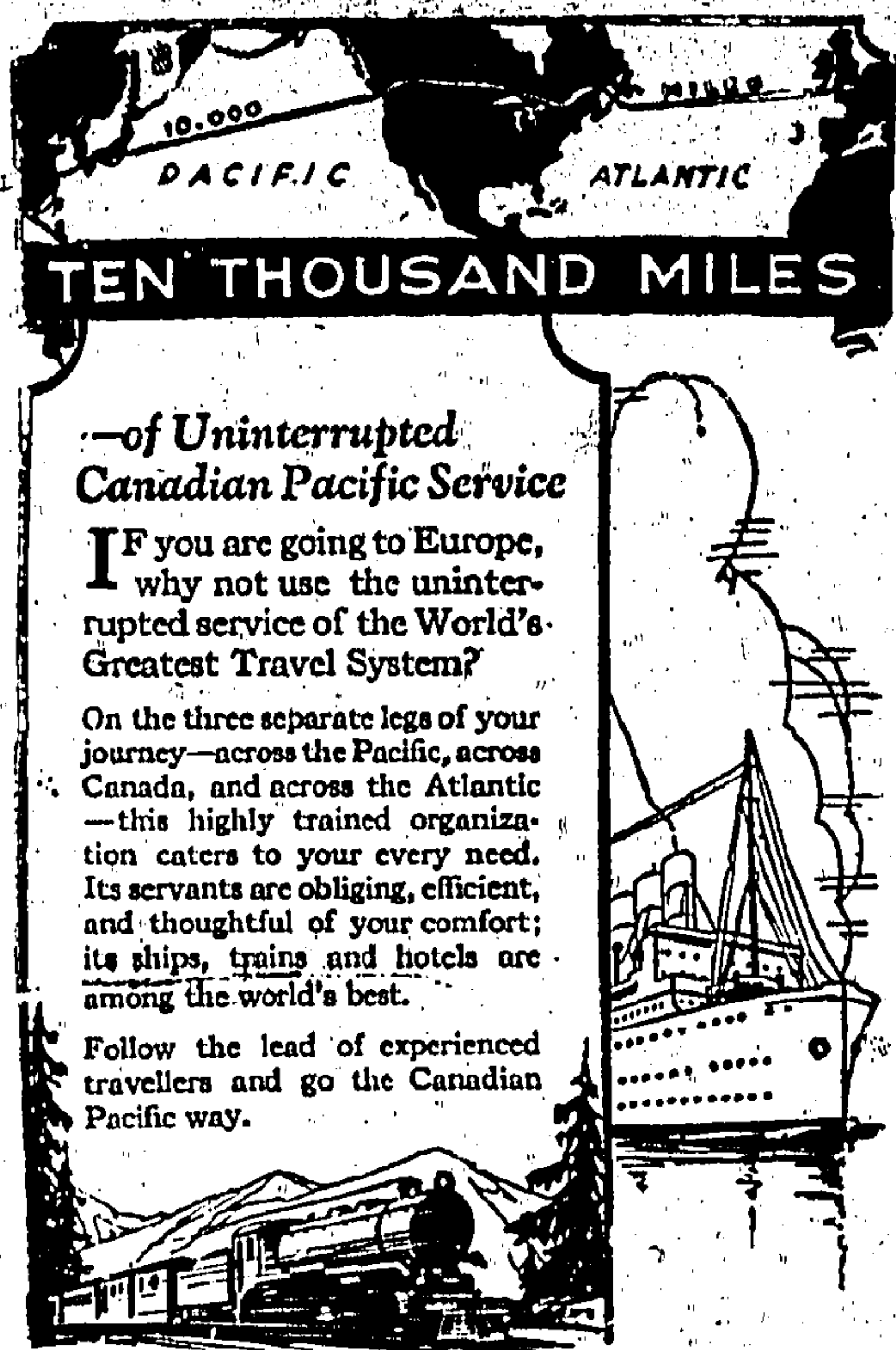
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CHINESE LABOUR.

DISMISSAL QUESTION HOTLY DEBATED.

A question which affects tens of thousands of Chinese workers in the numerous Chinese firms in Hongkong regarding their likelihood of dismissal at the beginning of the Lunar year, formed the main subject of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, yesterday.

Mr. Li Yick-mui was in the Chair, supported by Messrs. Chau Yue-tung (vice-Chairman) and Chen Heung-pak, the Secretary.

Mr. Chen Heung-pak informed the meeting that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce had received a letter from the Kung Ping Chinese Labour Association requesting the Chamber to advise all the Chinese firms in Hongkong to give two weeks' notice to Chinese workers if the latter's services are no longer required at the termination of the Lunar Year.

Labourers' View.
The letter continued that it has been the practice for hundreds of years for Chinese firms to dismiss their employees, if the latter's service is not desired, on the second day of the First Month of the Lunar year. This is considered to be unfair and the labourers now demand that at least two weeks' notice should be given. It should be noted that ninety per cent. of Chinese employees in China are employed on contract for one year and they are very seldom dismissed until the second day of the First Month of the Lunar Year.

In opening the discussion, Mr. Ho Lu suggested that the labourers were certainly on the right side and he advocated that the Chinese firms should give the labourers two weeks' notice, but, if for the sake of convenience, by following the former procedure of sending the workers away on the 2nd day of the First Month of the Lunar year, the firm should give one month's wages in compensation for instant dismissal without notice. The proposal was seconded by the vice-Chairman, who pointed out that this subject of the dismissal of workers had formed hot disputes in labour and commercial circles of Canton for over two years and it was time that the Hongkong firms should settle it once for ever.

Mr. Ho Lu also pointed out that the compensation of one month's notice was not only fair, but that the proprietors of the Chinese firms were in truth, bound by the law to pay such a compensation to their employees.

Then followed a long discussion among the members at the meeting, strong protests against the above suggestion lasting for over an hour, when one of the prominent Chinese merchants stated that he had under his employ over 12,000 men in all his firms and that the suggestion of two weeks' notice or one month's compensation would be most detrimental to the discipline and welfare of his firms. He, however, suggested that the old custom of dismissing employees without notice whatsoever be followed.

Diversity of Opinion.
Many members voiced their support to the right of Chinese firms to dismiss their employees and the consensus of opinion was that for hundreds of years the custom has been followed until these days and there was no reason at all why the Chinese Chamber of Commerce should change this custom in one day. Among those who spoke were Mr. Ma Ying-piu, of the Sincere Co., Limited, and Mr. Philip Gockehin of the Wing On Company.

Finally, the motion of Mr. Ho

MODERN EDUCATION.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY MISS IRENE HO TUNG.

Speaking at the Hongkong University on "Some Thoughts on Education" last night, Miss Irene Ho Tung, B.A., daughter of Sir Robert Ho Tung, gave an interesting explanation of the teaching system at the London University.

In opening her address, Miss Ho Tung expressed pleasure and delight at meeting so many interested in her profession that night, and said there were also present parents who were interested in the general life of the Colony. Education, she said, was not merely reading and writing, neither was it just sitting in a class or lecture room. It was, in the words of Dr. Percival Nunn, life, and assisting boys and girls to grow up. Every person contributing to that end was an educator, although they might not realise it themselves.

Referring to the time when she decided definitely to take up education, the speaker said that it was in October, 1927, that she registered herself for a course at the London University for the Secondary Teacher's Diploma. Two days a week they visited secondary schools in London, either learning from teachers or teaching themselves. They had also the practical side, when they visited all types of schools and institutions. Fortunately she had been excused a great deal of practical teaching, and was enabled to pay many visits to various institutions and schools in various parts of the country.

Lower New York Standard.
She also spent a very interesting year in the Teacher's College, New York, but the great difference between that and the London University was that in England one was given regular courses, whereas in America it was more like an educational cafeteria, where one chose what one liked, and did as little or as much as one wished. The examinations were far easier, the minimum requirements for passing being very small.

The speaker referred to some of the educational conferences she attended at Geneva and in Denmark.

One at Geneva was under the World Federation of Educational Associations, and included 12 to 15 Chinese delegates. The organisation there, however, was none too good, as there were 5,000 delegates, and too many subjects of interest, which caused many to be neglected. The conference at Denmark was quite the reverse, but there they had all the modern school of educators, and it was most helpful.

It was defeated by 15 votes to 4. University Scholarship.

The Secretary also read a letter from the Committee looking after the late Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship, inviting three members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to join as members of that Committee. The meeting decided that Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Li Yick-mui and Lo Cheung-shu should represent the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

It will be recalled that the scholarship provides a sum of \$800 annually for Hongkong boys and girls who would not be able to enter the University or would find it difficult to enter the University without the financial assistance of the Scholarship. The award of the Scholarship is based on results of the candidates in the Hongkong Matriculation or an examination of similar standard.

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"Sarabande," (Sulzer, Op. 8), "Ave Verum," (Mozart, arr. W. H. Squire), "Cello solo by W. H. Squire.

"Bitter Sweet—I'll see You Again," (Noel Coward), "Bitter Sweet—Kiss Me," (Noel Coward).

Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with piano.

"Waldfuehl Memories—Fantasia," (arr. Herman Fricke), "Herman Fricke and his Orchestra.

"A Tale of Other Times—Monologue," "O'ercome She's Mother's Kind of Girl," Norman Long.

"In A Chinese Temple Garden," "In A Persian Market," Organ solo by Quentin M. Maclean at the Shepherd's Bush Pavilion.

"Kawaihau, Waltz," (Hawaiian Air), "Honolulu March," (Hawaiian Air), "Hawaiian Silver String Quartet.

"Think of Your Baby," (Comedienne), "Big City Blues," (Comedienne), "La Campanella," (Liszt, arr. Busoni).

"Prelude in D Flat," Raindrops, (Chopin), Piano solo by Ignaz Friedman.

"At the Races," Descriptive sketch by Clapham and Dwyer.

"Blue Eyes—Back to the Heather," "Blue Eyes—Woman—Fah," "Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra.

"The Chorister's Dream," (Ward), "The Londonderry Air," (Traditional, arr. Sear).

"Prelude in a Flat Major," (Chopin), "(a) Etude in C Minor," (Chopin, Op. 25, No. 12).

"(b) Waltz in A Flat Major," (Brahms), Piano solo by Percy Grainger.

"Radetzky March," "Feuerfest," Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.

"I Kiss Your Hand, Madame," (Erwin), "Serenade Berceuse," (Luciani), Organ solo by Quentin M. Maclean.

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LOST NATIONALITY.

WOMAN'S SEAT IN CONGRESS IN THE BALANCE.

Washington, Jan. 20.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, the Democrat representative for Florida, and daughter of the late Mr. William Jennings Bryan, appeared before the Election Committee of the House of Representatives and emotionally refuted charges of her ineligibility to Congress on the ground that she lost her American nationality on marrying a British officer in 1910.

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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Atago Maru	Saturday, 1st Feb.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople.	Delagoa Maru	Monday, 17th Feb.
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An important decision to motorists was made by Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when his Worship definitely held that seating two passengers in the driver's seat of a motor car was in contravention of the Traffic Regulation which requires drivers to have full control over their vehicles.

The question of whether the seating of three persons in the front seat constituted a danger according to the regulations arose in a case in which Mr. H. P. Lim was summoned by the Traffic Department for failing to have full control of his vehicle on the evening of December 17, 1929, when the defendant was stated to have had two ladies sitting beside him.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sár, appeared for the defence, and, while admitting the presence of the two ladies in the driver's seat, argued that the driver had full control of his machine. He produced pamphlets issued by the makers of the defendant's car, the Willy's Knight Manufacturers, in which it was stated that the hand brake was to be used for parking a car or for locking the machine on an incline. It was given in the instructions that the footbrake was to be used for all normal braking purposes.

It was also pointed out by the defence that the hand brake was in such a position that it was never used for stopping the car, for which purpose it was absolutely useless.

At the request of the defence a demonstration was given and after seeing three persons seated in the car, his Worship remarked that it was rather over-crowded. He intimated, however, that he would not impose a fine but merely register a conviction and a caution.

The defendant remarked to his Worship that he had been sold the car as a two-three seater and pointed out that it was wider than the other models.

Mr. d'Almada asked that, in view of the defendant's explanation that he had full control, and the demonstration, the summons be dismissed, but his Worship held that the seating of two other persons besides the driver was in contravention of the Traffic Regulations.

His Worship registered a conviction but cautioned the defendant that he could only carry one passenger in the front seat.

No Signalling Device.

A caution was registered against Mr. F. M. Soares who was summoned for failing to have an automatic signalling device attached to his car, which was a left-hand drive. Mr. d'Almada, for the defence, admitted a technical offence but intimated that the defendant was aware of the new Regulation which was passed only last year. When the defendant had removed his license he had not been told that it was necessary to have a device.

His Worship said that he would accept the defendant's plea that he did not know, and registered a caution. Of course, his Worship remarked, the longer the time went on the more unlikely would he accept that excuse.

LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

BLOW, BLOT, CLOT, COOT,
COOS, COTS, CUTS, COUTS.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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CHINESE WEDDING.
LOCAL JOURNALIST MARRIED
YESTERDAY.

A pretty Chinese wedding took place yesterday afternoon, between Mr. Ng Pak-yin, of the editorial staff of the Nam Chung Po, a Hongkong evening daily, and Miss Cheung Sin-leung, who is well known in local Chinese journalistic circles for her many contributions to the Chinese newspapers here.

The ceremony was conducted in a simple manner, after which a reception was held at Lane Crawford's restaurant.

Over a hundred guests attended the reception, including representatives from the following Chinese newspapers—The Nam Chung Po, Nam Kung Po, Wah Kiu Yat Po, Tai Wah Yat Po, Tai Ching Po and Chung Wah Yat Po. The honeymoon will be spent at Canton.

PEAK TRAGEDY
INQUEST.

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mind the best of information they had in the books on medical cases. He (the Coroner) thought that it was recognised that a man may become suddenly unbalanced, but it did not follow that his actions while in that mental condition would also be unbalanced.

Concluding, the Coroner said:—It is for you to consider as to how the deceased came by their deaths, and furthermore, as to whether you are satisfied that the deaths were caused by one of the deceased. It is then for you to say whether he was sane or insane when he committed those acts.

The Verdict.

After a short retirement, the jury returned the verdict:—"We are of the opinion that Mr. Burnett shot his wife and then committed suicide, whilst temporarily insane."

The Coroner:—That amounts to murder and suicide while temporarily insane?

The Foreman of the Jury:—Yes. The Coroner said he concurred entirely with the verdict. Having himself known Mr. Burnett for about upwards of 15 years, and having seen a great deal of him from time to time, he wished now

to express sympathy with Mr. Burnett's son and also with the members of the staff of the papers concerned.

The jury associated themselves with the remarks of sympathy expressed by the Coroner.

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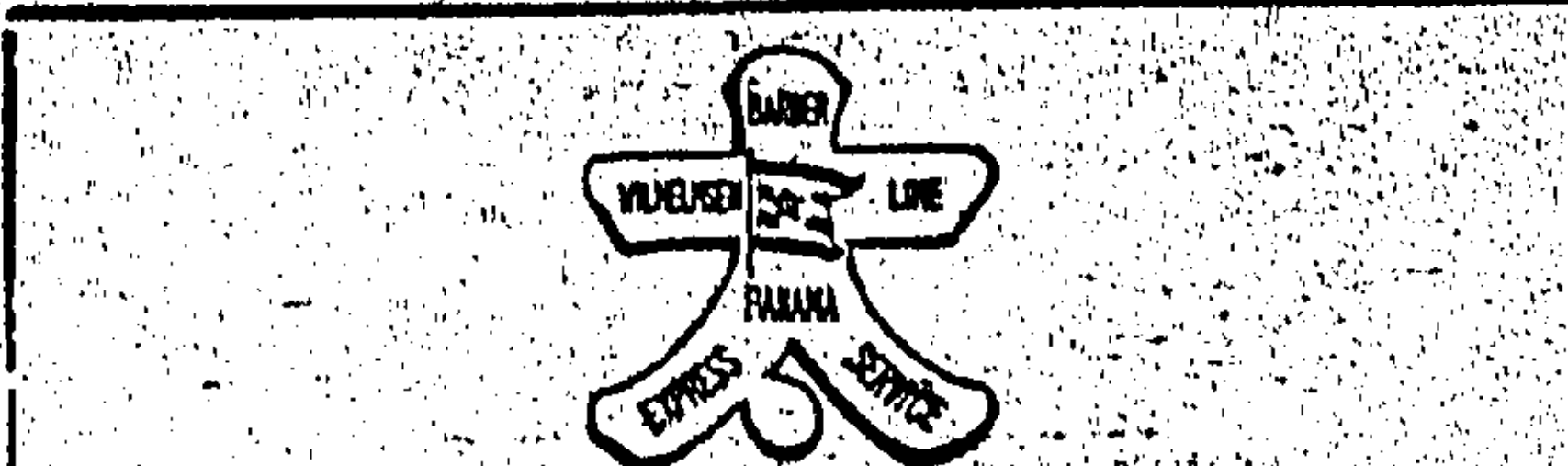
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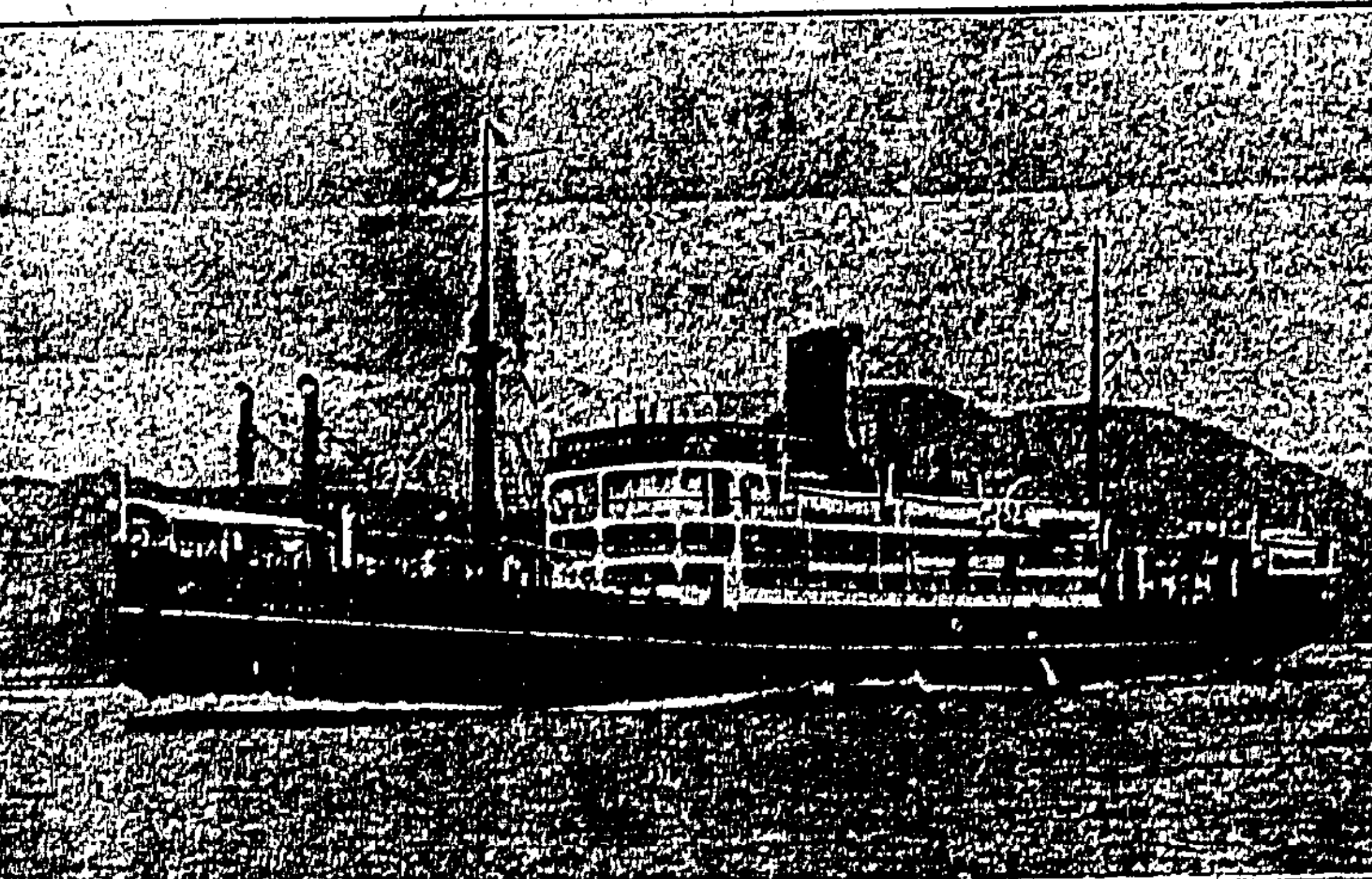
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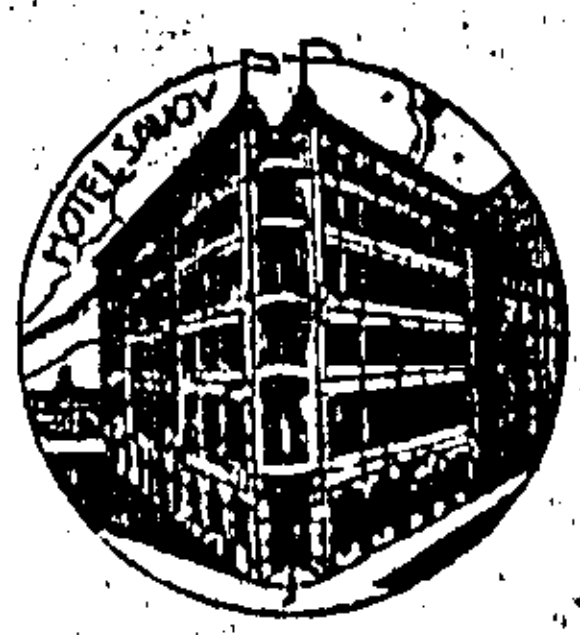
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THE HATRY TRIAL
ADJOURNED.
ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE
HISTORY OF CASE.
DESPERATE EFFORTS.
London, Jan. 20.
The trial opened at the Old
Bailey to-day of Clarence Hatry,
Edmund Daniels, Albert Edward
Tabor, and John Graham Good-
fellow Dixon, on serious charges
of fraud involving millions of
pounds in connexion with what
were known as the Hatry group of
companies.
The case is being heard before
Mr. Justice Avey, and the reading
of the indictment occupied ten
minutes, all defendants pleading
not guilty.
The jury empanelled includes
two women.
The prosecution will call fifty
witnesses and it is anticipated that
the trial will occupy a fortnight.
Sir William Jowitt, K.C., the
Attorney-General, in the opening
speech for the prosecution, re-
ferred to the accused as the Direc-
tors of the Austin Friars Trust,
whose liabilities totalled ap-
proximately £19,000,000 and whose
assets amounted to £4,000,000.
The history of this case, he
said, was mainly the history of a
desperate struggle by the Austin
Friars Trust and these four men
to recover a sum of £1,500,000
which was raised with the inten-
tion of using it for the purchase
of steel, but which was used for
other purposes.
In trying to get out of the
difficulty, the accused had got
deeper and deeper into trouble.
He announced that the remain-
ing Director of the Trust, Mr.
John Galdini, an Italian, recently
went to Italy. Unfortunately, he
could not be extradited under the
1873 Extradition Treaty.
The trial was later adjourned.
Thirteen counsel are engaged in
the case including Mr. Norman
Birkett, K.C. (for Hatry), Sir
Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C. (for
Daniels), Mr. Cecil Whitely, K.C.
(for Dixon) and Mr. Roland Oliver,
K.C. (for Tabor).—*Reuter.*

ILLICIT TRAFFIC
IN DRUGS.
RUSSEL PASHA ATTENDING
LEAGUE MEETING.
Geneva, Jan. 20.
The Advisory Committee of the
League of Nations dealing with the
opium traffic has elected Heer Van
Wolffum, of Holland, as its Presi-
dent, and to-day began considera-
tion of the steps taken to cope with
the illicit traffic in drugs.
Russel Pasha, of the Egyptian
Police President of the Internation-
al Detective Police, will partici-
pate in the discussions.
It will be recalled that before
he departed from Egypt, Russel
Pasha made serious allegations
against a big Swiss firm, stating
that it was known to have produced
two and a half times the world's
legitimate requirements in the
course of a year.—*Reuter.*

THE ANTI-TRUST LAW
INVOKED.
SERIOUS BLOW FOR U.S. OIL
COMPANIES.
Chicago, Jan. 20.
The United States Circuit Court
of Appeals has given a judgment
declaring that fifty-two oil com-
panies are guilty of violation of
the Sherman Anti-Trust Act in
pooling certain oil-cracking
patents.
The judgment enjoins them
permanently from further viola-
tions of the law, and declares that
all agreements between the com-
panies with regard to patents and
royalties are to be regarded as
null and void.
The case will now be submitted
to the Supreme Court of the
United States.—*Reuter's American*
Service.

ABORTIVE STRIKE IN
SHANGHAI.
A LOCK-OUT OF POWER CO.
WORKERS THREATENED.
Shanghai, Jan. 21.
Five hundred linemen of the
Power Company who abortively
struck work for two hours, listened
to exhortations by outside agita-
tors yesterday.
They later submitted a list of
demands to the Company, to
which the latter promised to re-
ply on Wednesday.
The Company threatened a lock-
out, whereupon the strikers return-
ed.
It is noteworthy that the gener-
al men refused to walk out.—*Our*
Own Correspondent.

PRINCE'S TOUR IN
AFRICA.
WEATHER CAUSES CHANGE IN
PROGRAMME.
SPLENDID WELCOME.
London, Jan. 20.
Changes have been made in the
arrangements for the tour of the
Prince of Wales in Rhodesia, ow-
ing to uncertain weather. He will
now leave Capetown on January
27th and arrive at Johannesburg
on the following day. He will
leave again on February 1st, arriv-
ing at Bulawayo on February 3rd
and at Beira on February 7th. At
Beira, he will embark on the
steamship Modana for Mombasa.
The Prince played golf this
afternoon on the Royal Cape
Course at Winberg.
His Royal Highness received an
enthusiastic welcome when he
arrived at Capetown to-day in the
liner Kenilworth Castle. As the
Governor-General, the Earl of Ath-
lone, greeted him on the deck of
the liner the passengers aboard
and the crowd ashore broke into
a storm of cheering.
The Earl of Athlone introduced
General Herzog, the Premier, who
after shaking hands with the
Prince, bade him welcome to the
shores of South Africa. The
whole route from the decks to
Government House was thronged
with cheering crowds.
A fierce gale was blowing
when the liner Kenilworth
Castle arrived in Table Bay at
dawn. The Prince of Wales was
on deck at five o'clock, and joined
the knot of passengers watching
the wonderful panorama. The
liner waited in the bay for the
gale to abate, and docked at nine,
when the Governor-General board-
ed the vessel and welcomed the
Prince of Wales amid the cheers
of the passengers and the crowds at
the dock.—*Reuter and British Wire-*
less.

R.100 ON SPEED
TRIALS.
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80 1/2 MILES.
SEVEN-HOUR FLIGHT.
London, Jan. 20.
The airship R. 100, which left
her mooring-mast at Cardington
shortly after nine o'clock, return-
ed to the mast at 4.30 p.m. She
had attained a maximum speed of
80½ miles per hour, one mile less
than her record maximum last
Thursday.
Major Scott was in command
and with him were Air Vice-Mar-
shal Sir Sefton Branker, Direc-
tor of Civil Aviation, and Colonel
Richmond, designer of the sister
airship R. 101.
Major Scott said that from
Cardington the airship made
directly for London, then went on
to Croydon Aerodrome and then to
Farnborough, where research work
on airship propulsion is being
carried out.
The return flight was via Read-
ing, and, while in the vicinity of
Reading, speed trials were carried
out, which were entirely satisfac-
tory.
An earlier message stated that
one hour after leaving her moor-
ing-mast, the hum of her engines
could be heard over London. Low-
lying clouds at first obscured the
view of the vessel, which was
cruising at about fifty miles an
hour with three engines running,
at a height of 2,000 feet.
After circling round the city,
she disappeared for a short time,
but returned later, flying much
lower, and crossed and recrossed
the river in view of hundreds of
thousands of people.—*British Wire-*
less.

HARMONY ON EVE OF
CONFERENCE.
(Continued from Page 1.)
forecast in the House of Representa-
tives by Mr. French, the Re-
publican Chairman of the Appro-
priations Sub-Committee in Charge
of Naval Expenditure.
Mr. French strongly favoured
the scrapping of battleships by all
Navies.
He said that the Washington
Arms Conference had saved
America \$425,000,000, and the
savings would have been greater
had all classes of ships been
limited.—*Reuter's American Ser-*
vice.

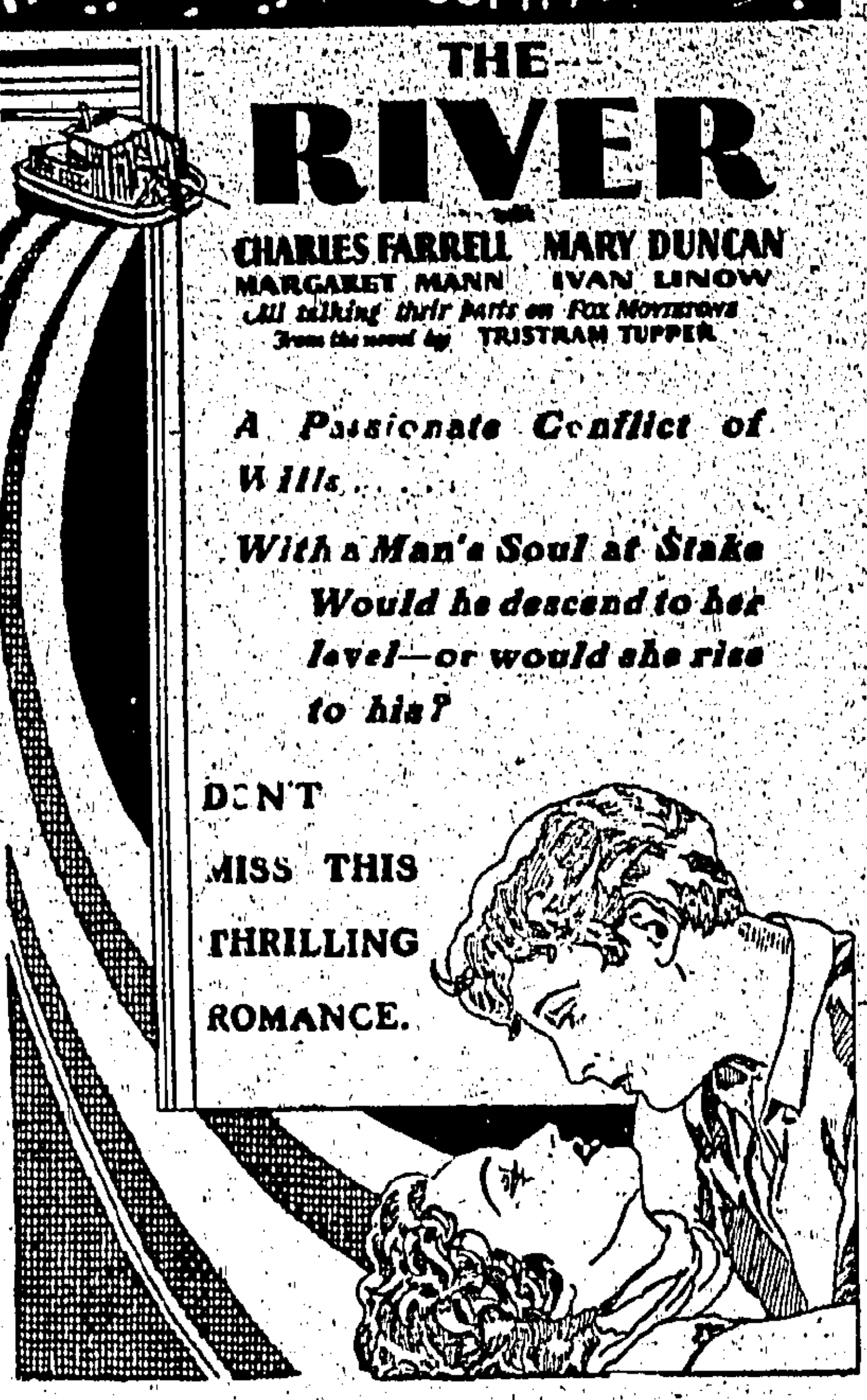
DELEGATES STAY
UP ALL NIGHT.
REPARATIONS CONFERENCE
ENDED AT LAST.
PROTOCOL SIGNED.
Hague, Jan. 20.
After more than twenty-four
hours in continuous session, the
special committee appointed to
deal with non-German reparation
problems, have finally reached a
settlement regarding the pay-
ments to be made by Austria and
Hungary.
Hungary agree to pay her credi-
tors thirteen and a half million
gold crowns annually, after 1949
and until 1966.
Austria agrees to pay one mil-
lion annually during the same
period.
From now on, Hungary will be
released from the financial con-
trol of the League of Nations.
Apparently, the delegates, both
hungry and sleepy, were well
satisfied with the result of their
long deliberations.
Later.
The Second Reparation Con-
ference has at last come to an
end, and it may be held that the
War has at last been liquidated,
and the political aspect of repara-
tions removed.
The Protocol was signed to-day
after ceaseless discussions since
yesterday morning. None of the
delegates of the smaller Powers
were able to go to bed at any time
during the night.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY'S COTTON
INDUSTRY.
RATIONALISATION PLAN
MOOTED.
Bombay, Jan. 20.
The owners of a number of the
Bombay cotton mills are consider-
ing a proposal for a big scale
amalgamation.
If the plan goes through, some of
the biggest mills will be under
single control, competition be-
tween the mills thus being elimi-
nated.
It is understood that the plan
is designed to embrace those fac-
tories producing similar fabrics,
while it is stated that the Imperial
Bank of India has agreed to assist
the combine.—*Reuter.*

THE U.S. PROSPERITY
DRIVE.
ENORMOUS SUM TO BE SPENT
ON CONSTRUCTION.
Washington, Jan. 20.
Mr. R. P. Lamont, the Secretary
of Commerce, has informed Presi-
dent Hoover that he expects public
and private construction work in
1930 representing a total expendi-
ture of about \$10,000,000,000.
Approximately \$7,000,000,000 of
this sum will be spent in public
building and maintenance and public
utility construction, this
figure constituting a record in
American history.
The plans represent the country's
answer to President Hoover's ap-
peal for a special effort for the con-
tinuance of national prosperity.—
Reuter's American Service.

NEW MOVE IN FOX
FILM SCARE.
ANOTHER APPLICATION FOR
RECEIVERSHIP.
New York, Jan. 20.
A further petition for the ap-
pointment of a Receiver in Equity
for the Fox Film Corporation has
been lodged in the United States
District Court.
The new petitioner alleges among
other things that Mr. William Fox
used the Corporation funds for
speculation in Wall Street, and that
he bought a number of English
theatres for \$519,000,000 without
asking them.—*Reuter's American*
Service.

AMERICAN ARMY AND
DRY LAW.
INFRINGEMENT TO BECOME
MILITARY OFFENCE.
Washington, Jan. 20.
It is officially announced that the
War Department contemplates the
amendment of the Army Regula-
tions so as to make any violation
of the National Prohibition Laws a
military offence.
Yesterday, it was ordered that
the military reservations in the
Philippines should cease to supply
liquor.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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